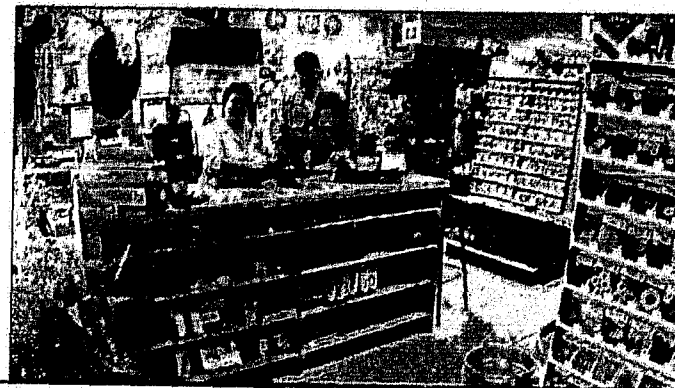


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Energy audit pinpoints Telstar-complex waste

By ALISON ALOISIO

Concrete walls with no insulation.

Heating boilers that operate in the spring at nearly the same rate they do in the winter.

A ventilation system running at the rate required for a fully-occupied gymnasium — even when only 30 kids are using it.

All are examples of wasted energy at the 40-year-old Telstar complex — waste that adds up to hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars each year.

"It would be nice if we could turn that money back to the kids," Supt. Dave Murphy told the School Board last week.

In a presentation to directors, the Bravo Zulu Energy company of Topsham showed them exactly how to do that,

using \$1.2 million the district has been putting aside over recent years for that purpose.

This past winter, A.J. Ballard and Bill Hitchcock of Bravo Zulu performed an energy audit on the complex, which was built in the days "when fuel oil was cheap," Ballard said.

He proposed 13 energy conservation measures. The three most important: insulating the building; upgrading the ventilation system and installing better controls to regulate it; and installing a heat-recovery system, in order to redirect heat currently lost through classroom ventilation to warm the air that is drawn in from the outside.

Other examples of energy-saving steps include install-

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G&W committee eyes more commercial or regional involvement

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The G&W Transfer Station Committee (made up of the selectmen of Greenwood and Woodstock) is currently awaiting two discussions that could affect the future management of the transfer station, as well as the level of recycling offered there.

Pine Tree Waste of Houlton, a private waste contractor, hopes to have a proposal ready within the week regarding the possibility of taking over management of the station.

And the G&W committee is also awaiting a joint meeting later in the month with Norway Paris Solid Waste Committee, The Oxford County Regional Recycling Joint Steering Committee, and oth-

er county towns.

That meeting will present preliminary results of a study looking at issues such as privatizing transfer stations, single-sort recycling, and shared services for other waste materials.

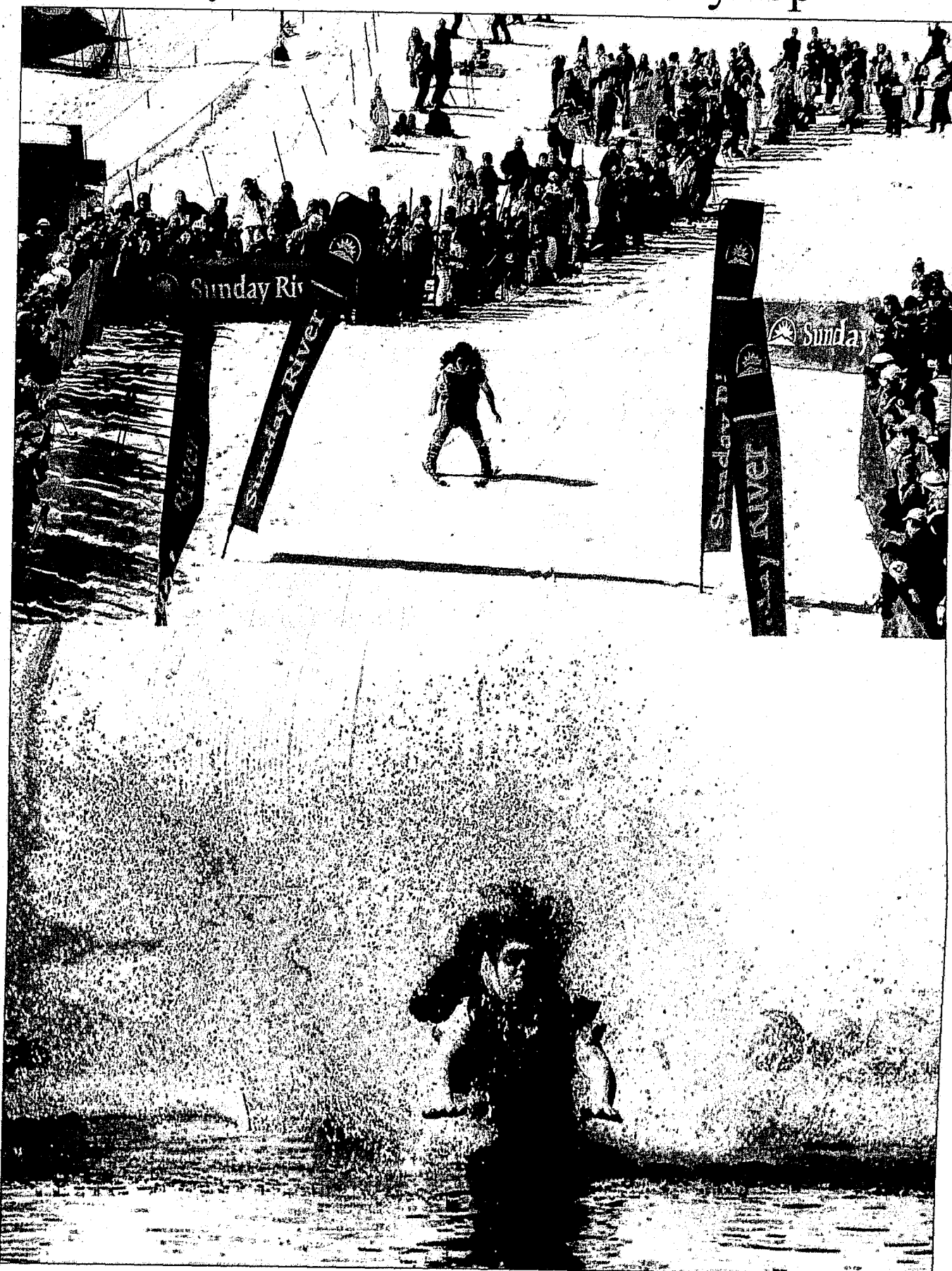
The G&W site, on Route 26 in Locke Mill, has been under joint management by the two towns since 1984, when they entered an inter-local agreement to establish and operate a transfer station at the site.

Prior to that, the site had served as the Greenwood Town Dump.

"When it was a dump, Greenwood ran it alone," said local historian Blaine Mills, who lives nearby, "but when

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Stylish Bust 'n' Burn Bellyflop



Ben Rainey, 13, of West Paris may have made it only a quarter of the way across Sunday River's skimming pond Sunday, but he earned spectators' style points for great extension and flair. This was Ben's "first ever" attempt, according to his mom, Angie, and he plans to be back next spring to try again.

(Photos: Russ Dillingham, Sun Media Group)

County listed as least healthy in the state

By LESLIE DIXON, Sun Media Group

Officials say rising numbers of smokers and obesity are significant factors that contribute to Oxford and Androscoggin counties' ranking as some of the unhealthiest places in the state.

The annual County Health Rankings were released Wednesday by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute showing Oxford County to be the least healthy in the

state. It's the second year in a row it has had that ranking.

It is followed by Washington, Somerset, Aroostook and Androscoggin counties, in that order.

The rankings include every county in all 50 states and measure how healthy people are and how long they will live.

Franklin County was ranked second healthiest county in the 16 Maine counties, after Hancock County, according to the survey. Last year it was ranked the most healthy county.

Officials in Oxford and Androscoggin counties said Wednesday they believe socio-economic factors played the most significant role in the low ranking.

Ken Morse, director of Healthy Oxford Hills in Norway, said the news comes as little surprise to him.

There are many factors, but

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Third ballot's the charm for Upton revaluation

By ALISON ALOISIO

Three rounds of voting were required, but Upton voters last Thursday narrowly approved doing a town revaluation for the first time in 30 years.

And out of concern that the Surplus Fund is being steadily depleted each year to pay expenses, residents also voted to raise an additional \$36,000 in taxes to fund some accounts. The result will be a two-mil tax increase, from 7.50 to 9.50, according to Treas-

urer/Tax Collector Jim Recor.

The 27 voters spent more than an hour in sometimes-emotional debate over the revaluation, estimated to cost \$34,000. The same proposal was voted down last fall, 16-14.

Town officials have argued that significant discrepancies in property values have developed over time.

Mike Rogers of Maine Revenue Services attended the meeting to provide information. State law, he said, re-

quires that all properties be assessed "according to just value."

He provided examples of situations that have resulted in inequities. Some properties have deteriorated over time, he said, and some have even been abandoned. He also said additions may have been built that town officials did not know about.

Rogers said he had reviewed sales in the community in recent years, using six waterfront properties and six resi-

dential properties. The waterfront property assessments averaged 42 percent of their sale price, while residential averaged 64 percent, he said.

In a revaluation, he said, "the waterfront would be picking up a larger share of the tax burden, justifiably, because they sell for a greater amount, and they're assessed lower, on an average, than your residential properties."

He said that while select-

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Hoarding habit helps stock a hardware store

By ALISON ALOISIO

Wanda Coolidge of Andover describes her husband, Pete, as "a wicked do it yourselfer. He can 'MacGyver' anything."

He also has a penchant for hanging on to hardware and parts of all kinds.

"Some people might call it hoarding," Pete jokes.

His inability to let anything go was demonstrated several years ago, when he tried to clean out a bureau full of parts in the couple's basement.

"I took it all to the dump," he said. "Two weeks later I was back down at the dump pawing through it."

As part of his hoarding instinct, Pete has always stocked up anytime he buys things.

"He never bought one elbow. He always bought 20," said

Wanda.

About three years ago, they decided on a plan to put Pete's habits to better use and clean out their basement in the process.

They opened "Pete's Hardware" in the front part of their garage at 25 Nevel Road. They also bought out the Andover Supply grain store in the middle of Andover Village.

Since then, they've expanded the business, and it has totally overtaken the garage.

In addition to grain, they sell electrical, plumbing, wood stove, grain, automotive, tools, camping, pet, and lawn and garden supplies.

They're not expecting to put larger hardware stores in Rum-

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Letters

LAKE PROTECTION HEARING

To the Editor:

Bills affecting lake protections will be heard by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee on Friday, April 8, in Room 216 of the Cross Office Building in Augusta.

The most potentially damaging bill, LD 219, would cut the regulated area around great ponds by 60 percent, reducing the protected area from 250 to 75 feet. Another, LD 424, removes from Shoreland Zone protection any wetlands created by barriers or obstacles. (Since many Maine lakes are dammed, this conceivably could remove setbacks from their protective wetlands.) LD 888 would permit a second enlargement to an already once-expanded building in the 100-foot setback area around great ponds, thus doubling disturbance to the most sensitive part of the shoreland. Several other harmful bills will be heard that day; all pose threats to water quality, wildlife habitat, municipal tax revenues and property values.

We cannot let this happen! Lakes are fragile, and they are voiceless. Others must speak for them. Some talking points you can use.

Please show up on the 8th! Your presence will show the committee members that you care enough about Maine lakes to get out and protect them. Carpool with friends and sport a Citizens for Maine Lakes sticker (we'll have one for you at the door). You will make the difference.

If you can't attend, please write to your Senator or Representative. Ask them to vote No on LD 219 and the other bills lessening lake protections. Our website tells where to call or write and also how to prepare testimony.

Even if you don't live in Maine, you can still help. Write a brief letter to the editor at one of these papers: Kennebec Journal, Bangor Daily News, Waterville Morning Sentinel, or the Portland Press Herald. Pick the paper appropriate to the lake or lakes you care about, identify yourself, explain your interest and make one or two points. Keep the length below 300 words.

Maggie Shannon
Executive Director, Maine COLA

ITEMS FOR ST. NEVERS DAY SALE

To the Editor:

Spring is again here and that means spring cleaning. Once again the Bethel Historical Society will hold its annual St. Nevers' Day Sale this year on Saturday, May 28, 2011 under the tent on my side lawn at the corner of Mason and Broad streets.

As usual, items in good condition are being sought including household goods, furniture, tools, etc. Please no clothing, computers, tires, or other unsaleable items. Donations may be left on my side porch at 18 Broad Street (directly across from the Bethel Inn) or on the back porch of the society's O'Neil Robinson House at 10 Broad Street (next door south of the Bethel Library).

Proceeds from this sale help fund the operating costs of the society, so all donations are deeply appreciated. If items need to be picked up, please call the society office at 824-2908 or (800)824-2910.

Stan Howe
Bethel

APPRECIATIVE AND THANKFUL

To the Editor:

Ten years ago this week, April 8, 2001, on Palm Sunday morning I had a near fatal accident on Route 2 in Rumford, as I was en route to preach.

After six weeks in CMMC and 3 1/2 months in Marshwood Rehabilitation Centre in Lewiston, I came home in a wheelchair.

After many more months of therapy and hard work, I am enjoying the "level of freedom" that I now have attained, with God's help.

I am very thankful to my God; to friends for their prayers, visits, cards, calls; and to the most fine medical and therapy teams that have worked with me to get me to where I am today.

A most appreciative patient.

John D. Holliday
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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'THANKS,' AND SEE YOU AT MINDY'S BENEFIT SUNDAY

To the Editor:

We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the "community" for their support of Mindy. The community is fairly large, as we have received support from places like Freeport Fire/Rescue, as well as more local support. Many local businesses have made contributions, and a number of EMS and Fire Departments have been supportive. The individual contributions have also been amazing. The schools have raised money, there was a benefit at the Funky Red Barn, and there have been cans at many local establishments. Bethel Rescue has done a t-shirt sale. There is an account set up at Northeast Bank in Mindy Evans' name for those who want to contribute to that. It has been great to see the community come together.

On this Sunday, April 10, there will be a benefit dinner at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on the Gore Road in Locke Mills/Greenwood. It will run from noon to 6 p.m. There will be food and entertainment. We will also have a raffle area. We would like to see this be the biggest fundraiser yet for Mindy and her family. I would encourage anyone who can to attend. This will be a family-friendly event, so no alcohol will be allowed on the premises.

Also, we are beginning to wind down the t-shirt sales. If you have not yet ordered a t-shirt, but you would like one, you can either let us know at the benefit on Sunday, or you may contact David and Amy Hanscom at 836-2174 or e-mail hanscoma@megalink.net

Again, thank you to all who have contributed so far. I hope to see you all at the benefit on Sunday at the Legion Hall.

David and Amy Hanscom
West Bethel

REMEMBERING BOB KENISTON

To the Editor:

The passing of Robert "Bob" Keniston brings forth numerous memories of a longtime community and Bethel Historical Society "stalwart." He also was a member of my mother's Gould Academy Class of 1938, so I have known or heard about him for some time. Bob never dared miss a Gould reunion event since he knew Mother, the class agent, would be right after him to be certain he was attending. She also never let him get away with any "tall" stories that he shared about his fishing exploits. "Stop your lying," she bluntly told him as he boasted of catching the biggest and best. However, he never let her commands slow him down that much. He just laughed and continued storytelling as only he could.

One time Bob wanted some butternut wood for bowl making and asked if he could cut a butternut tree in back of my barn. I said "yes" and he came over and dropped a good-sized tree. My backdoor neighbor at the time was the irrepressible Fred McMillin, who hated to see any trees cut. While Bob was sawing it up to his specifications, Fred said to me in a voice laced with sarcasm, "Was that tree blocking your view, Stan?" Bob and I laughed about that one for years.

In 1976, Bob served as chair of the town's National Bicentennial Committee and I helped as secretary of that body. We had a number of planning meetings that led to a very successful community event on July 4, honoring the Nation's 200th birthday. Members of the committee soon noted that the discussion of events did not take that much time, but Bob's fishing and hunting stories stretched the length of these gatherings sometimes to hours.

Despite this diversion, Bob did a fine job with the help of scores of volunteers in making this a memorable time. One of his greatest legacies of that event was the time capsule he made to store all kinds of memorabilia of 1976. Those who are present to open Bob's capsule in 2076 will find all kinds of "treasures," some perhaps that will bring smiles to many faces. I am certain that would please Bob so very much.

Stan Howe
Bethel

HALL OF FAME STORYTELLER

To the Editor:

Bob has gone to rest knowing that he will join other Bethel Hall of Fame Storytellers such as Albert Cotton and Stan Fox.

One of Bob's top stories was about the weekend he saved Sunday River Skiway. One Friday afternoon near quitting time Addison Saunders came zooming into the mill at Hanover Dowel to get Bob's help. Bob was the mill's engineer. The new ski lift drive clutch had conked. Help! A big weekend was on tap. The company that sold the lift could not get anyone there to fix the lift until Monday or later. Bob worked most of Friday night and all day Saturday jury rigging a fix for the lift. And by Sunday it was working. What made Bob's day was when the repair guy from the ski lift company finally showed, he told Bob that his lift repair was better than what he could have done — Bob's proudest moment.

Another story he was proud to relate was during the War, Bob was walking down a Paris sidewalk on his way to breakfast when General Eisenhower in his sedan went by — heading for breakfast at the same place. Finally, if it wasn't for Bob and Ginny, I may not have had the chance to deliver milk to a Bethel Grange Hall apartment.

Donald Bennett
Bethel

SMILE FUND YARD SALE

To the Editor:

Healthy smiles are important to all people regardless of age, gender or economic standing.

The Smile Fund established eight years ago by West Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is dedicated to helping adults in the SAD 44 area who are in need of restorative dental work. This dental work is expensive and the fund is for helping those for whom financial resources are not available.

Please contact the Reverend Virginia Rickeman at 824-0550 for further information about the Smile Fund or to submit an application for aid. All applications are confidential. Approval has just been given to the 43rd client.

On Saturday, April 30, there will be an indoor yard sale at the church to raise funds for this project. Spring cleaning is a good time to go through and sort what might be useful for the sale. The sale will be in the church basement from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tools to toys and everything in between will be for sale — something for everyone! Please stop by. You are sure to find a bargain and your purchase will help a wonderful project. And donations will be accepted Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday all day (April 27-29). For larger items, submit a photo and we'll try to sell it that way.

Jane Chandler
For the Smile Fund

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 12

The First Year: Settling In

B.B. was in fine fettle, happy to be driving a team again. He had only lost his way for a short time as he followed a logging road that came to a dead end, but the horses were used to being in the woods and had turned around easily. At our end they had not minded going through some light brush. While they ate (horses need adequate time), B.B. moved in the red cupboard for me. That afternoon he mowed and I unpacked my box of cooking dishes. I chose some from the supply in the pantry and put all the surplus into a box and carried it up to the barn loft and set it down beside the seven doors. Now I had a little empty space in the pantry for fixing food. It would be a walk from the sink in there out to the stove and back, but in our general spirit of camping out it would not matter.

Now if I could empty two big army lockers, it would make a bit of free floor space in the kitchen. I opened one, not knowing what was inside it, remembered that we had used them out west. Here I found another conglomerate of items; one blanket; two sheets; a big kettle (I had bought it to make stews in, to set bread in, to store cookies; it had been such a fine all-purpose dish that I had brought it back filled with a set of winter underwear); a few books. Here was B.B.'s cherished, long-lost account of the early Arab horses in the United States written by W.R. Brown; B.B.'s old army overcoat, dyed green, and a buffer against the winds sweeping over the tops of the Rockies; a copy of my thesis (this I could burn up but it represented a lot of work and happy memories). I had certainly learned to pack well. There was not one inch of empty space. In the corners were stuffed spools of thread, brass hooks, new pencils, handkerchiefs. With dismay, I shut the cover down; I would not even look into the second chest.

I went out and sat down on the south steps and looked up at the hills. Two old clichés came to mind: blessed be nothing, and it is much better to have too little than too much. Here and now I agreed that these maxims had been founded on rock-bottom truth. Soon, refreshed, I came back inside. What to tackle next?

In the north room was a stack of narrow iron cots that must have been used for sleeping on the porch. I preferred the hammock, did not plan on having a lot of guests this year. These could go to the hayloft. Out the front door would be the easiest route but the narrow passage there was filled with two double-bed mattresses, too heavy for me to get upstairs. Out the French doors from the living room another route, also blocked. I cast about for some smaller items.

The shelf over the fireplace was covered with a rock collection, odd-shaped bits of old wood, maybe tree roots, bird's nests. This I could move; I found a box and packed all the minerals in it. At one time I would have liked to have kept this but now, NO, to the loft it would go. I hesitated over the bird's nests; they might be rare but if I put them on the top of the box they might attract mice. Into the fireplace they went. To the loft I went with the box of rocks. Coming back, I noticed empty walls in the woodshed, a place to put some of the many pictures that covered the living room walls. Barbara Sears was an artist; these pictures must have been hanging here for seventy-five years — the Roman Forum, the Coliseum, a stag at bay, kittens. The frames were good and there was always the possibility of taking the pictures out and finding some real treasure used for a backing. I found a hammer, some nails, and covered the woodshed walls. I was quite pleased with myself until I walked through the house again; no real change.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Lenny Hoy, 7th grade teacher at Telstar Middle School, received the Educator of the Year award from the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Doug Bruce and Nathan Al-sobrook were the overall winners in the Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center's annual Pole, Paddle and Paw Race.

The Telstar high and middle school bands, Telstar jazz band, SAD 44 elementary band, and the Mahoosuc Music Makers joined together to present an All-District Instrumental Concert.

Births: Gavin Isaiah Bourgoin, Alexis Cheyenne Dyer, Blake Andrew Katlin, Raymond Noah Morin.

Deaths: June G. Hutchins, Margaret L. Pike.

20 years ago: Parker Gray and Dareth Howard of Telstar Middle School were winners in the Rumford Lodge of Elks' annual essay contest.

Overall winner in the annual April Fools Pole, Paddle and Paw Race at Sunday River Inn was the team of Jay Davis and Herve Garant.

New officers for the 1991 Bethel Farmers Market were Kate Slattery, market master; Noelle Gauthier, treasurer; and Jen Boelsma, secretary.

Births: Timothy Ernest Paul Aguilar, Kelsey Raelynn Kujava.

Deaths: Roy B. Irving, Almon E. Coolidge.

30 years ago: An awards banquet was held in the Andover Gym for the children who participated in the Andover Elementary School's basketball program.

The Telstar Middle School Band presented a concert in the Telstar Auditorium.

Births: Mandy Leigh Berry, Miranda Cecile Provencher.

Deaths: Mrs. Katie Packard, Miss Melody Sanford, Miss Ruth Crosby.

40 years ago: Damage was estimated at about \$5,000 when vandals broke windows and set a series of fires in classrooms, the hallway, and teachers' room at Crescent Park School.

Birth: Steven Wallace Brown.

Deaths: Mrs. Gertrude Parsons Poor, E. Arthur Baker.

50 years ago: Crockett's Garage on Church Street, built by Ray Crockett in 1919, closed after 42 years of service to the community.

Births: Rebecca Gale Walker, Jeffrey Hastings, Timothy Carignan.

Deaths: Mrs. Mildred Bosserman Brown, Miss Annie S. Downs, Mrs. Ruth King Carter, Mrs. Edith B. Hathaway, Ralph L. Hunt, Roland F. Littlefield.

60 years ago: Pfc. Herbert E. Dunham of Locke Mills was wounded in Korea.

Birth: Jonathan Lawler.

Deaths: Fred P. Watson, Eugene B. Davis, Harry B. Hazing.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Brown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Forty-four contracts were secured for the Central Maine Power Co. over a distance of 21 1/2 miles on Bear and Sunday rivers and some on the Bethel and Hanover roads.

Deaths: Frank E. Purington, Mrs. Bernice Spearin.

80 years ago: The home of Mrs. Carrie Plummer at Waterford burned.

90 years ago: Sudbury Lodge, No. 22, Knights of Pythias was instituted at Bethel with 41 charter members.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gorman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The new ferry boat at Rumford Point was completed and in the river about three weeks earlier than the year before.

Howard Bailey purchased the Stowell place in Bethel.

Deaths: Dr. John H. Cole, George A. Grover.

100 years ago: Over 200 attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis C. Billings.

Deaths: Mrs. C. M. Cushman, Emery G. Young, Mrs. Elizabeth Knight, Mrs. Clara Jane Grover, Eli W. Barker, Goodwin R. Wiley.

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Petition expected for W'stock liquor sales

By ALISON ALOISIO

The owner of Breau's Too is expected to circulate a petition for a referendum on local option liquor sales in Woodstock, Town Manager Vern Maxfield told selectmen Tuesday.

Maxfield said Bob Breau plans the petition. If one is submitted to the town, selectmen would then set a referendum, likely in June, to ask voters if they wish to open the town to the sale of hard liquor.

If approved, a business wishing to sell would apply to the state.

Other business

In other business, the board approved the purchase of a new sander to go with a new plow truck they expect to buy with funds approved at last week's town meeting.

Voters approved up to \$135,000 for the truck and associated equipment. Maxfield will request several bids by telephone before a truck is chosen. Selectmen also voted to sell the town's old plow truck, together with its sander.

Also approved was \$4,060 for C and C Insulation to insulate parts of the Whitman Memorial Library.

Maxfield estimated about a third of annual heating costs would be saved by the improvement.

Maxfield and other town officials also reported to selectmen on several topics:

A representative of Patriot Renewables, which plans a wind tower project on Spruce Mountain, was expected to attend tonight's (Thursday) PTA meeting at the Woodstock Elementary School to make a contribution of an unknown amount to the group.

In matters relating to the Fire Department, for the first quarter of this year, the WFD expended the most money ever to pay firefighters.

A combination of the number and duration of calls prompted the expense.

'Noiser' responses

Firefighter Tom Hartford said a state trooper attended a recent WFD meeting and advised that when trucks respond to fires with flashing lights, they should also operate their sirens.

As a result, said Hartford, responses "could be noisier." Firefighters must also observe speed limits when driving to the station in their vehicles.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection notified the town of an unapproved junkyard violation in town, with some vehicles parked into the road. Maxfield planned to contact the owner.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church in South Woodstock is expected to construct a new building to house all of its activities. Several current buildings will eventually be taken down.

Health

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the biggest is economics, Morse said. Healthy Oxford Hills is a coalition of people and organizations concerned with the health of residents. It organized in 2000 to protect and enhance the health of residents in Oxford Hills.

The rankings showed that 17 percent of adults in Oxford County reported being in fair health, compared to 13 percent in Hancock County, the healthiest county in the state. A total of 26 percent of Oxford County residents smoke and 21 percent of the children in Oxford County live in poverty.

Healthy Androscoggin Executive Director Steve Johndro said economics is an important factor in the rankings, which included being 13th out of 16 counties in health behaviors, which includes the number of smokers.

I definitely do believe what Ken Morse says that economics does definitely play a factor and it is probably the most significant factor in Androscoggin County as well, Johndro said. He oversees the community coalition geared to improving the public health of county residents through policy and environmental change and resource development. It began in 1995 as a grass-roots organization called Tobacco Free L.A.

We certainly see some challenges in the health behaviors areas in the health rankings, especially around the obesity rate of adult obesity, the rate of adult smoking as well as excessive drinking and sexually transmitted infections. Those are certainly areas we could see some improvement in, he said.

Morse said the rate for smoking has begun to noticeably increase again in Oxford County.

With smoking it's pretty hard to tell. Certainly low-income folks have many more issues with substance abuse and tobacco overall dealing with stress, he said.

While the problems of increased smoking and obesity are affecting Oxford and Androscoggin counties, according to local area health officials, those issues are not tied to the least healthy county rankings exclusively.

In Franklin County, Heather Davis, executive director of the Health Community Coalition in Farmington, said smoking in young people and obesity are also growing problems for that area.

Economic factors are considered contributors to the problem and one reason why Franklin County was ranked 12th in social and economic factors, which include unemployment and the number of single-parent households.

While Davis said she had not had time to digest the report to determine why the county may have gone from No. 1 to No. 2 in healthiest rankings, she said the long history the county has in promoting cardiovascular programs certainly has helped improve the overall health in Franklin County.

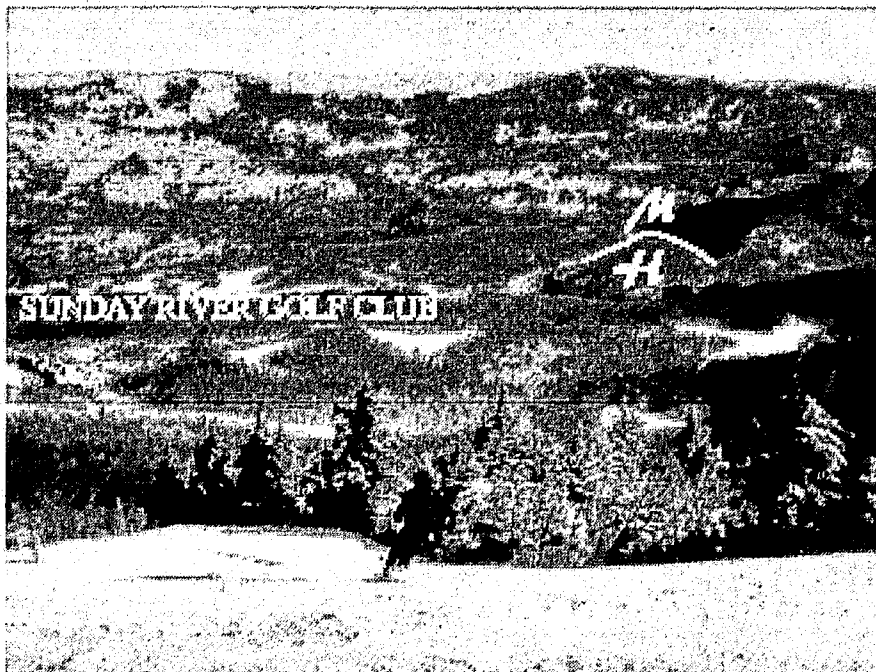
Interim State Health Officer Stephen Sears issued a statement on the rankings Wednesday saying, "Although some of our counties have better health outcomes than others, it is important to note that, overall Maine is one of the healthiest states in the union. Recent positive state rankings reflect a concerted effort to address health challenges through collaboration of a variety of public health stakeholders at the local, regional and state levels."

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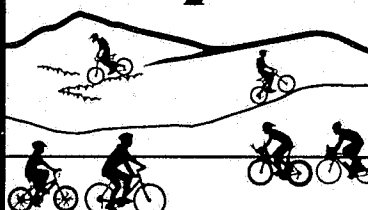
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Pete's

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ford or Bethel out of business. They just want to supply the Andover area with basic parts.

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'If we're home, we're open.'

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In addition to the grain supplies and hardware items, they also offer a few sporting goods such as soccer balls.

Customers will also find three cats — Diesel, Skippy and Spicy — patrolling the store.

Then there's Nellie the goat. "She's our guard goat," said Wanda, as the small animal nuzzled a perfect stranger.

Besides the entertainment provided by wildlife, customers are also sometimes treated to guitar music by Pete.

"I keep the guitar here in case it gets slow," he said, gesturing toward the instrument that sits on the floor by the counter. "This is the music department."

Pete isn't reliant on his store for a living. He works fulltime for the Maine Department of Transportation. Wanda is around to wait on customers more than he is.

Hours are generally 9 to 5. But it's not uncommon for someone to call late in the evening to ask about stopping by to pick something up.

No problem, say the Coolidges.

"If we're home, we're open," she said.

They may be reached at 392-1028.

Upton

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men have tried to make adjustments over the years, "the property cards have been factored so many times I can't tell what's going on, and some haven't been done consistently."

Former selectman Paul Casey argued for a partial revaluation, looking at only buildings.

He said selectmen had recalculated land values about three years ago.

One resident criticized the decision by selectmen to place the revaluation issue on the warrant again at the March meeting, "when they knew that most of the vocal opponents would be out of town."

Some voters expressed frustration to Rogers about the climbing values that have resulted from purchases by out-of-towners.

Said one, "Your way of thinking is what has effectively displaced most Maine residents from any kind of shorefront property."

Replied Rogers, "The evolution of society has done that. It's the want of people to have a piece of property, and the willingness of the person to sell that piece of property to them."

He said a majority of people making such purchases across the state "are coming from the [Interstate] 95 corridor in the state of Maine," and they are buying property after selling their own, or buying a retirement home.

After an hour of debate, a written ballot was taken, resulting in a 13-13 tie. After additional debate, a second ballot was called, but moderator Wendy Hanscom then announced it appeared that "somebody voted more than

once."

One town official advised voters not to bring ballots up to the box for others.

On the third try, ballot clerks checked off each voter on the registration list before allowing the ballot to be placed in the box. The revaluation was approved, 15-12.

A separate warrant addressed funding the project. The revaluation plan proposed raising \$8,500 from taxes and taking the same amount from Surplus in each of the next two years for the project.

Concerns that had been raised under an earlier, entirely separate money article carried over to discussion on paying for the revaluation.

Casey had said earlier in the meeting that he had reviewed town finances for recent years.

He said he found that the Surplus Account has been steadily depleted to pay expenses, and that the account stood currently at about \$113,000. Further use of the funds, he said, could leave the town short in the event of a large, unanticipated expense.

He advocated instead cutting spending, and raising a greater proportion of funds from taxes.

Regarding the revaluation funds, he also expressed concern about signing a contract with an assessor this year and possibly leaving the town liable if next year's share were voted down.

Residents then decided to raise all \$34,000 this year.

Voters approved another article with an amendment to raise all funds from taxes instead of dipping into surplus. The \$16,000 needed to run

the Transfer Station will be raised, instead of raising half the amount and taking the remainder from surplus.

Rector said tax payments totaling around \$28,000 are still outstanding, and when received should help offset other funds taken from surplus for several accounts.

In other articles, voters turned down an article asking to transfer funds for college scholarships, but only because they did not feel their authorization was needed each year.

Other money articles were approved as read, including school articles. Upton's contribution to its school budget is \$87,969.

The changes to the transfer station and revaluation funding, combined with a slight increase in other accounts, will result in an additional \$36,000 to be raised from taxes, Rector said, for a total of almost \$180,000.

Last year, about \$144,000 was raised.

Tax deadline, elections

Voters altered an article setting the deadline for the payment of taxes from a set date of Sept. 30 to 60 days after the bills are mailed.

In town elections, John Aron defeated incumbent school director Jennifer Casey by one vote.

Rector was returned to his positions unopposed, and Selectman Norm Mercier and Town Clerk Michelle Bouchard were re-elected unopposed. Rector told voters he planned to move out of town in June, but Upton has no provision preventing a non-resident from serving in his positions.

He said he was willing to train someone new to handle the responsibilities of tax collector/treasurer for the following year.

Petition?

Whether the vote to approve the revaluation will stand could be in question.

After the meeting concluded, mention was made that a petition might be circulated to bring the issue back to a special vote this summer.

Audit

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ing low-flush toilets, adding LED lights and installing sensors to turn lights on/off when a person enters/exits a room.

The cost to implement all 13 measures is estimated at \$1.6 million. Annual savings are estimated at \$179,000. The measures, according to Bravo Zulu, would pay for themselves over time periods ranging from 5.6 to 12.4 years.

One measure Bravo Zulu did not recommend is insulating the roof. District officials have often cited the fact that, unlike other schools, the Telstar complex has never had a snow-buildup problem on its roof, because escaping heat melts the snow.

But, explained architect Jim

Reuter, who has been working with Bravo Zulu, insulating the roof and thus allowing snow to accumulate might threaten the building's structural integrity. Today's standards require that a roof support up to 100 pounds of snow per square foot, but the Telstar roof is only designed to support 50 pounds, said Reuter.

"It would cost millions to upgrade it structurally," he said. "There's no payoff," said Ballard.

After the presentation Murphy said the next steps will be for the board's Finance and Facilities committees to consider the options, and then bring a recommendation to the full board.

G&W

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it was a recycling center, Woodstock went in with it."

Actually, the recycling came slowly, driven largely by Greenwood Selectman Marie Bartlett and the Woodstock Conservation Commission's Jim Chandler.

In 1986 the station began recycling glass.

"We collected it in 55-gallon drums, and I crushed it once a week," Chandler recalled.

"The results were so favorable, especially in the savings in avoided tipping costs, that the selectmen finally were convinced to do recycling."

The following year a shed was constructed and paper recycling added, and over time other materials including corrugated and non-corrugated cardboard, tin, aluminum and plastic.

Both of the new options the committee will be discussing would probably add other types of materials, as well as involve some form of "single-sort" recycling system — sparing users the chore of separating their recyclables at home, or while walking back and forth among the bins.

But it is not the desirability of increased recycling that is driving the management discussion — it's the difficulty of staffing the station, Sparks

said, especially at the manager level.

In the past three years, the G&W has seen as many managers resign, she said, and the position is currently vacant.

The station manager is paid \$15 an hour for a 20- to 25-hour week, she said, "but it's both weekend days, every weekend."

"And when we've advertised in the past, we've had very little response."

Karen McNaughton, of Pine Tree, is drafting the G&W proposal, which, she said will focus on "creatively looking at conceptual options that might be attractive."

"It looks like a situation where they can use some help," she said.

Pine Tree already manages transfer stations in West Bath and Arundel, and hauls away and disposes of all the waste and recyclables generated by the G&W, McNaughton said.

"So it fits into what we do." Sparks said the G&W committee is looking forward to Pine Tree's proposal, but plans to hold off any decision until after the Norway-Paris/Oxford County meeting later this month.

"I know the Greenwood selectmen would like to hear that proposal before going with Pine Tree. It's a piece we're waiting for."



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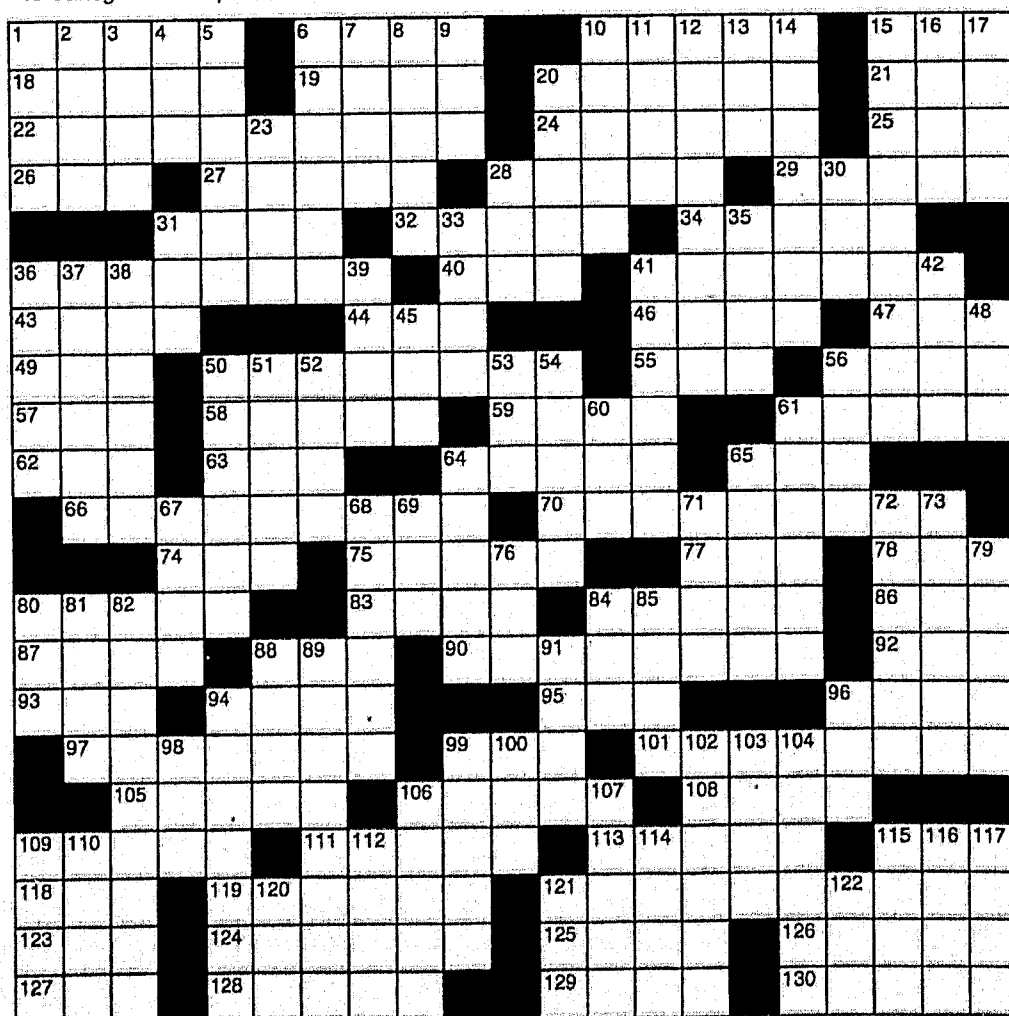
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OCSD Patrol Log:

Monday, March 28

At 9:59 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall, after having received a report the day before that many out-of-state subjects had been trying to redeem out-of-state beverage containers in Bethel to defraud the state, contacted the Maine Bureau of Agriculture to coordinate an investigation.

At 11:21 p.m. a Gilead caller asked to speak with a deputy regarding harassing phone calls. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

Wednesday, March 30

At 10:49 a.m. a caller requested an officer respond to the East Andover Road in Andover for a skunk that had been hit. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 2:13 p.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby and Deputy Mike Parshall stopped a truck with Virginia registration on Route 26 in Bethel for exceeding the speed limit in the school zone.

At 2:45 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall and Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to Milton Plantation. The caller had locked herself out of her house, and was having a diabetic reaction. One of the officers gave her fruits from his lunch, which stabilized her. He then helped her gain access to the home.

At 3:52 p.m. a Bethel caller reported a possible theft from his vehicle about a week ago while he was in a Main Street business shopping. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

Thursday, March 31

At 12:40 a.m. Deputies Dennis Ryder and Mike Halacy responded to North Main Street in Andover for a request to remove a subject. The subject was given a ride. Both the subject and the complainant were very intoxicated.

At 10:44 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder stopped a vehicle on Main Street in Woodstock for operating a motorized mini bike on a public way. The operator was summonsed for operating after having a license suspended and possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

At 6:28 p.m. on Mayville Road in Bethel Deputy Dennis Ryder arrested Stephen R. Collins, 54, of Bridgewater, Mass., and Bethel for OUI.

At 7:23 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and George Cayer responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a report of a vehicle having illegally attached plates. Investigation revealed the operator was in violation of conditions of bail. Melisa Pike, 34, of Woodstock was arrested.

Friday, April 1

At 9:03 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Mayville Road in Bethel for a property damage crash with no injuries.

At 10:32 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Walkers Mill Road hill near Chandler Hill in Bethel for a stuck tractor trailer. The truck was stuck because the driver of a car was unable to make the hill.

At 12:18 p.m. on Main Street in Bethel Deputy Dennis Ryder arrested Justin A. Turgeon, 26, of Dover, N.H. for OUI.

At 2:09 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a request to check on a subject. The subject was not home.

At 5:07 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder received a report of an e-mail asking the complainant to send money to a bank in London.

Saturday, April 2

At 10:18 p.m. on Mayville Road in Bethel a tire came off a vehicle and hit a car in a parking lot. Sgt. Tim Holland responded.

At 10:25 p.m. on Mayville Road in Bethel Deputy George Cayer arrested Adrienne P.

LeBlanc, 44, of East Bethel for OUI and illegal attachment of plates. She was summonsed for speeding.

Sunday, April 3

At 12:03 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson received a report of a gas driveoff on Railroad Street in Bethel.

At 12:37 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall, Bethel Rescue and the Bethel Fire Department responded to the Intervale Road. The BFD handled the call, which was a plugged chimney with no fire.

At 5:28 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and Willie Nelson responded to the West Bethel Road for a single vehicle rollover, with no apparent injuries.

Monday, April 4

At 4:12 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the East Bethel Road in Bethel for a report of a vehicle that had gone over an embankment to avoid hitting a deer.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

March 31, 9 p.m.: Melissas M. Pike, 33, of Woodstock, operating after suspension, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Matt Noyes in Bethel.

April 2, 10:56 p.m.: Adrienne LeBlanc, 44, of Bethel, OUI; by Deputy George Cayer in Bethel.

April 4, 6 p.m.: David J. Lewis, 29, of Scarborough, displaying a suspended/revoked operator's license; by Trooper Paul Casey in Newry.

April 4, 10:29 p.m.: Ralph H. Gannon, 49, of Bethel, failure to appear; by Deputy Dennis Ryder in Bethel.

April 5, 4:27 a.m.: Cory J. Burhoe, 22, of Norway, OUI; by Deputy Dennis Ryder in Bethel.

April 5, 11:30 a.m.: Hilary M. Taylor, 19, of Bethel, failure to appear; by Deputy Mike Parshall in Bethel.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Leannah Bonnema, a comedian who lives in New York City, will perform at the Magners Glasgow International Comedy Festival on April 9. The comedy festival takes place from March 17 to April 10 in Glasgow, Scotland. Bonnema is one of four comedians from the United States who were selected to perform under the billing "America Stands Up!" The four comedians are billed as "four of the hottest acts from the U.S. comedy scene."

Bonnema was also recently named by the Huffington Post as one of their fifty-three favorite female comedians. She is the daughter of Melody and Garret Bonnema of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blake (Sonny and Phyllis) and Peter Blake and Tammie spent a week in South Carolina attending the graduation for Ethan Blake, who graduated from Parris Island Boot Camp. Ethan is the son of Peter and grandson of Sonny and Phyllis. He lives in Rockland, Maine.

Congratulations to the students who were named to the 2010-2011 Sun Journal Winter Sports All-Region Teams. These athletes include four Telstar students. Cody Boivin was selected for the Boys' Alpine Skiing All-Region second team. Morgan Lee was selected for the Girls' Alpine Skiing All-Region second team. Two Telstar students were named to the Boys' Nordic Skiing All-Region Team. Adam Mahar was selected for the first team and Ben Lewis was selected for the second team. The Sun Journal chose Adam Mahar as the 2010-2011 Sun Journal Boys' Nordic Skier of the Year.

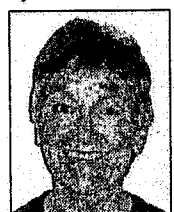
Lenten Luncheons are held each Wednesday until Easter from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the

West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel. Each week members of a different church prepare the lunch, which includes a variety of soups, breads, and fruits. The lunch is followed by a short presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH



The April Fool's Day snow had all but disappeared by Sunday, which was an absolutely

gorgeous spring day. We are being visited again by rafts of redpolls, scores of sparrows, and clusters of the usual suspects. We think the sparrows are chippies. There have also been cardinals, both male and female. I have actually smelled skunk on some of my travels - a sure sign of spring.

Cathryn Lovejoy phoned to say that on Tuesday night last week the deer had emerged from their yarding, and she counted around 36 of them! The next day she saw three robins, and then "April Fool's happened." She asks, "Where do robins go in the snow?"

In reply, I was reminded of a children's poem (and forgive me if I misquote it). It goes like this: "The north wind doth blow, / And we shall have snow, / And what will the robin do then, poor thing? / He'll sit in the barn, / To keep himself warm, / And hide his head under his wing, poor thing, / And hide his head under his wing." Sounds like a good plan to me, especially since it is snowing like crazy on Monday as I write this.

Sunday before last a contingent from West Bethel went down to Portland to 75 State Street for a baby shower. Linda Westleigh's granddaugh-



SERIOUS BUSINESS—Upton voters study their town reports at last week's town meeting, which lasted more than three hours. (Photo: Laurie Brown)

ter, Laura Pivin Crockett, was the happy expectant mother who was feted with all sorts of lovely gifts. Perhaps one of the best gifts was the surprise visit by her sister, Annie Costello, along with her two children, Maddie and Caden, and husband Brandon, who all traveled from Fort Drum, N.Y.

Laura, who is currently on maternity leave, is an employee of 75 State Street, which is residential housing for the elderly who are not yet in need of assisted living care, but who no longer drive. Laura is one of the helpers who do the driving for the residents. I understand that several of her "charges" showed up at the party for one of their favorite people.

The Westleighs have been quite busy of late. Linda and daughter Lisa Pivin recently returned from Lexington, Mass., where they visited Linda's Aunt Isabelle. Auntie is not making the trip north as often as she used to, so Linda likes to visit her from time to time and keep in touch up close and personal.

We drove to Farmington on Sunday to hear the Mount Blue Voices in concert. They are a 15-member coed ensemble who sing close harmony arrangements of an eclectic selection of contemporary music, including selections from

the Beatles and Brian Wilson. Their programs are always a treat, especially since our granddaughter, Louisa Stancoff, is a member.

Last Friday I attended the memorial service for the late Bob Keniston. Years ago Bob helped me to restore an antique spinning wheel - and then went on to make a wheel from scratch for his wife, Ginny. He always made it a point to come up to the Farm Museum at the Fryeburg Fair when I was working there during fair week, to say hello and schmooze a bit. (Schmoozing was one of his favorite pastimes!) I'll miss him and his beautiful handiwork, and I send my condolences to all his family.

Tonight Mike and I will be having dinner out in celebration of our 55th anniversary. Yep, you read that right. Where did all those years go? All in all, they've been darn good years. Happy Anniversary, Mike! Let's aim for at least 60.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



April Fool's Day sure tricked us all, huh? Yet, despite this trickery spring must have arrived after all. April 2 I received another e-

mail in regard to the "cabin fever buster." Here it is "We have seen lots of birds this past week. Friday, during the snowstorm, we had a huge flock of redpolls, perhaps as many as 200, along with redwings and grackles. Earlier in the week we saw three eagles. Today we have seen a flock of geese, turkey vultures." I was also told that a neighbor spotted robins in her yard and heard that the sap is running, also. Everyone can decide now if they agree with me that spring has arrived and I will keep a tally. To cast your vote call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

This week we need to extend some belated birthday wishes again. At this point I would like to remind everyone that I only write things which I was given permission from the various folks. Taylor Mason, granddaughter of John and Eva Coolidge, celebrated a birthday on April 4. We all hope you had a great day, Taylor. Special belated birthday wishes go to Millie Jackson who turned 85 years young on March 27. She had a great time celebrating with ca. 30 family members and friends at the Funky Red Barn. She was still laughing about one special gift she received. Can everyone guess? Yes, sure enough a pair of water goggles, hahaha! You are quite a lady, Millie.

Arlene Harrington spent March 16 through the 19th with her daughter in Durham, Maine. Last Saturday, Staci Coolidge and Gabe came from Andover to spend the day with Arlene. Then on Sunday Dori Hallman and her girlfriends, Irene and Chris, arrived from Durham for the day.

Paul Kimball, his wife Charlotte, their granddaughter Brianne Tuominen, and Kevin Newton went to Yarmouth last Saturday to attend the 50th Anniversary of Brianne's grandparents, Ed and Thelma Gaudet. Their daughter and husband were there also and a good time was had by all.

The Alder River Grange will meet on April 8 at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street. There will be a potluck at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Now on to the answer to the Trivia. At the 1872 Town Meeting it was voted to discontinue the town way between True P. Dustin's house and the meeting house near Eli Swan's. That was the road from the East Bethel church to the Charles Lyman Swan place. The road down over the mountain was very steep. Further it was voted to have a tax laid upon dogs. A reader told me that his cat Clancy thought that was a good idea.

Have a great week.

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN



Sunday breakfasts at the Ladies Aid Building are still being cooked and served from 8 to 11 a.m. Easter sunrise service will be held at Jim and Wilma Rector's home beginning at 6. A buffet breakfast will follow at the Ladies Aid Building.

Monday's weather in Upton is composed of extremely strong, gusty winds and a variety of rain, sleet, hail and snow.

I counted 31 registered voters at Upton's annual town

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meeting. David Murphy, Wendy Hanscom, Mike Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Jarrod Crockett were also present. Following the unanimous vote for Wendy Hanscom as moderator, Nancy Thew, representing the Upton Ladies Aid Association, asked Jarrod Crockett to present to the town's selectmen the Maine State flag that was donated by Jarrod at the request/suggestion of the Ladies Aid.

Norm Mercier, unopposed, was re-elected as Selectman. Although Jim Rector has sold his home in town, he was re-elected as Tax Collector and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

In a 14-13 vote, John Aron was elected to the school committee over Jennifer Casey.

The school budget was passed as read in the Articles, with explanation and commentaries from Mr. Murphy.

Although Paul Casey was concerned about Upton's surplus becoming depleted and wanted to amend Article 7, a request to raise \$42,000, half from taxation and half from surplus, for town office expense to read "all from taxation," the amendment was defeated. Voters passed the article as it was written.

Articles requesting the town to raise monies for town municipal buildings, town roads and equipment repair, town fire protection, town cemetery, and legal fees were passed unopposed and as written.

Joe Bernier's motion to amend Article 13 to read "To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the town transfer station. Recommend \$16,000 from taxation" was passed. The article before the amendment read "... Recommend \$8,000 from taxation and \$8,000 from surplus."

Articles to raise money for municipal lights, insurance, general assistance, "donations," animal control, and the town's share of Oxford County taxes passed as written with little discussion.

"Article 20. To see if the Town will set a date when taxes shall be due and payable and set a rate of interest to be charged on tax due after that date. Recommend 5 percent per year after Sept. 30, 2011." was amended at the motion of Mike Lewitt to read: Recommend 5 percent per year sixty days after the date that the bills were mailed.

Voters passed the amended article.

Voters did not pass Article 22 which was to see if the Town will rescind allocation of town funds for high school students attending private school, up to the State-approved tuition rate.

Article 24 read "To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to conduct a Town-wide revaluation. According to the State Constitution, Article 9, Section 7 states a revaluation shall be conducted every ten years and our Town has not had one performed since at least 1990."

Much discussion followed. Some of the discussion stayed on-track with the issue with comments both opposing and supporting the article as written. Some "discussion" veered off-track, and some were personal character attacks. A two-thirds majority vote allowed Mike Rogers, Supervisor of Municipal Services of the Maine Revenue Service to speak. Mr. Rogers explained Upton's need for a revaluation, explained how taxes should be determined, and had handouts for the voters. The first vote on the article showed a tie vote. The second vote was 15-13 and the article was passed.

Consequently, the following article was passed to raise \$34,000 to pay for the revaluation. However, it was amended to be taken all out of taxation and to be paid this year. The article recommended half the money to be paid this year and half the money to be paid at the completion of the reval. It also recommended half of the monies to be from taxation and the remaining half from surplus.

After the close of the meeting, Selectmen Bob Brown was ordered by an opponent of Article 24 not to be signing any contracts.

Had Louise Dickinson Rich attended and written about this meeting, it would have been "a good read."

Enjoy your week. Selah

Andover

By JANE RICH



Transfer station hours will be reduced due to a vote at Town Meeting which limited the budget. New

hours will be: closed Tuesday and Friday, open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be sponsoring a Hunter Safety Course at the Town Hall in two sessions. This is a 12-hour course. The first session will be Wednesday, April 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. The second session will be Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Various course books and handouts will be provided. The course is sponsored by the Andover Recreation Committee. To sign up contact the town office at 392-3302 or e-mail at Andover@megalink.net. You may also sign up at Andover General Store or the Andover Public Library.

Last Saturday, the Andover Educational Fund Board of Directors met to brainstorm about how the fund will function following the resignation of Sharon Hutchins, president, after 25 years of continuous service effective July 1. Present members of the board are Susan Merrow, Sue Mills, Sid Pew, Darlene Akers, Linda Percival, Jane Rich, Brad Thibodeau, Keith Smith. The board is looking for new members with a commitment to the education of Andover students who will be willing to take on certain responsibilities necessary to successful continuation of the fund which over the past 25 years had awarded approximately \$600,000 to graduating seniors of our various high schools who reside in Andover. In addition Adult Education funds have been provided for those seeking to improve work skills or start new careers. The aim of this program is to

make people more employable which is this day and age of job skills is certainly necessary.

The movie night at the First Congregational Church was canceled due to the snowstorm and is now re-scheduled for Friday evening, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. The film will be "John Wesley."

Don't forget the Birthday supper Saturday night. First sitting at 5 p.m. -- Turkey and fixings. \$7 adults, children \$3.

One of the first things the early settlers of Andover did was establish a library. The society was formed in 1795 and the first meeting was held on March 6, 1796. In the beginning the Homestead served as the library. The society ceased to exist for a number of years and was revived in 1891 and housed in the then new town hall. The current library is housed in what was once the Universalist Church. Looking at this building would be reason enough to visit the library, let alone all the wonderful books, videos, and magazines. At the end of 2010 the library had 875 registered patrons and total visits to it were 4,488 or an average of 22 per day. Between adults and juniors 3,771 books were borrowed, audio books, 305, magazines, 161 and videos 1,641. Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1-4:30 p.m. and Thursday 6-8 p.m.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The big snowstorm from last Friday moved through and left about 6 inches of snow instead

of over a foot as predicted. It has melted and has taken some of the other snow with it. The ice is pretty much gone out of both rivers and has just left the big chunks on the

banks.

There was a possibility of a really bad storm so SAD 44 canceled along with many other schools in the area. Route 2 was slippery enough that a car went off into the snowbank just above the Wild River Bridge.

The weather was bad enough that the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association canceled their meeting at Oxford Hills High School.

It was nice on Saturday that when our granddaughter, Sidney, was here, we went out for a short walk on the street in front of our house. Sidney spent Saturday night with us and brought her trophy that she received for participating in the Berlin Youth Hockey, Learn to Skate program.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by Saturday just a little before Sidney arrived so he got to see her trophy, too.

Lise McLain visited her father, Gerard Dupont, at Ledgewick this past week.

Hugh has been busy trying to get some work done on our Jeep. The ABS light kept coming on. The brakes will still work as usual, but without the ABS, there could be problems stopping on slippery roads. He headed for Cross Street Auto, which is run by Sam Westleigh. Sam figured it out and had to replace the wheel bearing assembly. The light is out and all is well! Thanks, Sam.

Historical Society

The GHS isn't due to meet until Saturday, April 23, but we have been busy behind the scenes. There have been phone calls from Bob and Judy Bishop, Howard Reiche and Norm Buttrick. Most of the calls are concerning the train station and schoolhouse renovation progress. We are working on it!

The quilt squares for the Memory Quilt have been

turned over to Linda Taylor. She is beginning the process of putting the squares together to create a quilt that can hang in the schoolhouse. This was a fundraiser to help with renovations and a little over \$700 was raised. Thanks to all who made this possible by purchasing a square and to Linda for taking on this project. We will keep you posted!

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The ice has gone out of the Androscoggin River. During the April 1 snowstorm the last

remaining ice floated away. The Hanover Assessors met on Saturday to work on assessment issues. They gathered information to be used in establishing the tax commitment for the 2011 tax year.

Richard Stratton and his wife Sandra have returned home following a vacation trip traveling to Florida and other East Coast destinations.

Sara, Shawnee and Makala Worcester traveled to Pennsylvania with other members of their family to attend the funeral of Frances Carson. She was 100 years old and was Sara's great-grandmother. Although she had been in Maine often, her residence was in Pennsylvania. Sara's plan was to return home early this week.

Kaylenn Worcester spent last weekend in Hanover with her father, Brian Worcester.

Jim Ray in Austin, Texas, is in a hospital after being fit-

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ted with a pacemaker. Judy reported that after some difficulty Jim is resting and looking forward to recovery. A speedy recovery is recommended for spring and Howard Pond beckons Jim.

Have you noticed how windy it has been? I went to get my newspaper out of the tube and found a few flyers on the ground, in the ditch and floating down the brook. The rest of the paper was long gone off over the hill like a kite. Perhaps the birds will use it to make their nests. We will have to wait for another day to find out about Mark Trail.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last week was a bad one for electronic gadgets at our house. First, Mona's new (last October) digital camera died. I tried to take some new photos of Shiloh with it, and all I could get when I turned it on was a message on the screen, saying, "Turn camera off and back

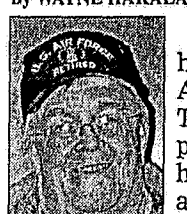
on again." Each "off" and "on" sequence just brought a repeat of the above message. A phone call to the manufacturer resulted in advice to take the camera back to where we bought it (BJ's) and exchange it for a new one or get a refund because it had "an internal problem."

Then, about Thursday, our DVD player died. This was a disaster of the first order because great grandson Noah just has to watch his Elmo Sesame Street videos or there's hell to pay. Monday is Mona's day to watch Noah. The door to the DVD compartment refused to open. So, Sunday afternoon we went to Auburn for a new camera for Mona and a new DVD player for Noah. After we got it home, I attempted to hook the new player up to our TV, finding the diagrams showing various hookups to our Dish Network receiver and TV's with various functions (HDMI, digital equipment, analog receivers and other gobbledygook like that). Our TV was an old analog "picture tube" type with only one connection in the back for an antenna cable. How was I to hook up those red and white audio and yellow "video" cables to that?

Monday phone calls to Dish Network and the DVD maker convinced me that the only thing to do was to get a new digital flat screen TV. Of course, during my efforts to hook up all the cables to TV, DVD, satellite receiver and whatever else, I lost track of a cable on the back of the satellite receiver, called "network cable" that enabled the receiver in the living room to also input TV signals to the TV in the dining room. A trip to Wal-Mart produced a new TV, and a couple more phone calls to Dish Network finally got everything (I hope) straightened out with our electronic problems, and we now have two operational TV's, a camera and a working DVD player. I can't wait for next month's credit card bill!

Greenwood City

By WAYNE HAKALA



It certainly has been an April fools. The snow sure piled up in a hurry and was a nightmare for all those involved with clearing it. My hat

is off to the Greenwood highway crew. They came through again keeping the roads passable without a problem. Good employees make a world of difference. Thanks guys.

Sunday the 10th, there will be a benefit for Mindy Evans. Mindy is an EMT with Bethel Rescue and was seriously injured in a snowmobile accident. The event will be at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills. The time is 12 to 6 and promises to be a good time. There will be plenty of good things to eat. There will be some music and plenty of raffles. So please come out and help out Mindy with all their expenses.

On April 12th, the Auxiliary Supper/Dances start for the season. Always on the second Tuesday of the month. The doors will open at 4 p.m. and dinner at 5. Music will follow soon after the band pushes away from the tables. The Felt Band will be playing for the first dance. The menu will consist of baked ham and pineapple, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, Jell-O salads, and pies for dessert. Plus the price is the same as last year.

Brother and I are still doing the syrup and Anita is trying to keep up with the jarring. But come Monday, Ray

is going to pull all the taps. He started today, as several weren't running and some turning cloudy. I really do think we have enough to keep the family and friends happy for a few days. Also Anita is going to be raffling off three quilts in support of the Legion and Auxiliary. The tickets can be purchased during the Bingo games for the next two weeks.

I'm adding a little ad here to find young men and ladies to attend Boy's and Girl's State this June. This program is run by the Legion to provide an enhanced educational program in Government. There are classes in all levels from local to national. And there are campaigns and elections to run all of these levels. As one well-known local character said, "I didn't vote for Bal-dacci then and sure haven't sense." In all seriousness, this program gives any of these kids a step ahead with Boy's or Girl's State on their application to college. Plus there is the chance to go on to the national level of the program. So if there are any boys and girls that are juniors this year going on to their senior year, you are very eligible. Please see your Guidance Counselor or any Legionnaire. And there is no charge for this program.

enough to make traveling a little dicey. Eventually it turned to rain. At least snow this late doesn't last and may help to actually melt the rest of the snow. I do notice that we still have more than other places we go -- like Norway and Bridgton. Still, ours is disappearing even if it isn't as fast as we'd like it. We need more to disappear so we can put away the wood that Alan has already delivered for next winter. Looking out my window, all I see is snow. There is no bare earth from this view. Perhaps it will fertilize our lawns and flowers: We can only hope. Now I am getting ready to plant seeds for the garden. Soon as I can get in the greenhouse I will do so.

Went to Café Nomad on Saturday to hear Duncan Slade play piano for a room full of friends and interested supporters. It was in advance of his 93rd birthday. Happy Birthday Duncan.

The Maggie celebration at Fare Share Commons was postponed due to the snowstorm last Friday. It will be the 15th of April instead. All are welcome. It is a dinner, musical soiree and silent auction. There is a sliding fee from \$10 -- \$1,000. FMI call 743-9044.

Salads seem to be the food choice for the month. Healthy Maine will offer as workshop on April 7 at 5:30 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Harper Conference Center. FMI (866) 609-5183.

Also on April 7 Cathi DiCocco will offer a class, "Follow the Rainbow through Healthy Food Choice," from 4:30-6 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. FMI call 824-2053.

At Waterford Library on April 7 at 10 a.m. ACA will meet. FMI call 739-9115.

Next Thursday, April 14, Western Mountains Senior College will present Cathi DiCocco at the West Parish Congregational Church teaching "Tweaking Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances." That is a class with my name on it!

That is all for this week. Have a great week and see you all soon.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The second workshop in To Your Health Series is Thursday, April 14, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church hall. Cathi DiCocco will tell how to "Tweak Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerance" -- to lactose and gluten. Cathi will give some gluten-free samples. This is presented as part of the Western Mountain Senior College To Your Health Series.

The Whitman Memorial Library's program for April will be Dennis Gross guest speaker. He is a mineral collector and owns a shop in Bryant Pond. Program starts at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 14. All are welcome at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Coming events: Church Supper date to be announced, church clean-up day is April 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Easter Morning Service at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast April 24, Youth Activity on April 30 at 5 p.m.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on April 7, (today) at the Fire Hall. Meeting starts at 11:30, dinner by Daughters of Union Veterans, program is Woodstock Elementary music department. New members always welcome. Dues \$2. Dinner \$7.

The Pie Contest at the Baptist Church was held Saturday, March 26. A great time was had with 16 different pies to sample. Jim Murphy won with his mud pie. It was yummy.

There was fairly good turnout at town meeting. It was over at 9 p.m.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m. for a regular meeting. Remember on April 18 at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills there will be a Spring Fever Beano for the Bryant Pond Honor Roll

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By ROCKIE GRAHAM

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enlargement fund. The April meeting of DUVOW will be held at Alice Hoyt's.

The Historical Society Museum has tools and farm implements upstairs including Model-T items and an old plow. Medium-sized collectibles also cover one table. They even have a post office and voting booth, official devices of other days. They have a couple relief maps of the White Mountains as well as maps of note from the late Elsie Bryant. An Oxford County map stands at the entrance in front of the Curator's desk.

West Paris

By JOYCE LAMB



April Fool's Day brought eight to ten inches of heavy, wet snow. It melted the next day and then two more inches fell. By Sunday most had melted the brown lawn showing.

Friday four of the Cotton Tops walked. As this was my first time out since mid December, I only walked the short route and back. I plan to do the two miles next week.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday April 10 the Rev. Richard Beal's sermon title is "Earth Beneath, Air Above, Water Surrounding, Fire Within" to celebrate Earth Day early. Earth day is on April 22.

One amaryllis has 4 large striped blossoms on one stem for the second time this spring.

Rev. Richard Beal drove me to Portland last week to see the surgeon that replaced my left shoulder. All is doing well with very little

pain. I can now drive so life is returning to normal. Everyone has been so helpful; the library has brought me books, someone has picked me up for Church each Sunday, and others have taken me to get groceries. Daughter Peggy and husband Mike have been over from Augusta to help with the groceries. Mary Jane Newell has visited often so I have not been alone all day. A helper was in to assist with showers and housekeeping and a Physical Therapist put me through the many exercises which was necessary as I was housebound for three months. The drive has been plowed and the paths shoveled.

There is a new, large mailbox beside the road, for the old one was very rusted and did not hold things in. Jim Marshall installed it.

Muffin is on hard cat food completely for the canned does not agree with her digestive system.

Albany

By SHEILA DYKE



Greetings and hello from Albany Township. My, what weather! Not just here, but everywhere! It's hard to

think of it as April when you look outside and still see the snow. It was almost gone this weekend, and then here we go again.

Of course it seems as though the rain we're getting will wash it all away. I'm just so looking forward to the warmer weather. I want to open up my house, do spring cleaning, and just bask in the sunshine.

The road crews have been doing great keeping the roads clear, especially with the

added issues that rain upon snow make. They take great care to keep our hill clear, and it's very much appreciated.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE LARSON



Two important workshops on nutrition will be presented in April as part of the Western Mountains Senior College, To Your Health series. Cathi DeCocco, local chef and frequent presenter on food topics, will help you make smart food choices to improve your health.

She'll have demonstrations and tasty samples as well as recipes and resources. Admission is free.

The first workshop is Thursday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church hall. "Follow the Rainbow through Healthy Food Choices," is the topic. Cathi will be making a pot of soup during the workshop and we'll all have a chance to sample it.

The second workshop is Thursday, April 14, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. also at the church. Cathi will tell us how to "Tweak Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances." This will be helpful to anyone with food allergies, or those who have intolerances to lactose and gluten.

Cathi will give us some gluten-free samples.

Gehring symposium at BHS

The Bethel Historical Society's Annual History Symposium will take place on Saturday, April 16, at the Dr. Moses Mason House exhibit hall from 2 to 4 p.m. The subject for this year's program will be "Dr. John George Gehring and His Bethel Clinic."

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1857, John G. Gehring was a medical doctor who, about 1896, established a clinic in Bethel at the end of Broad Street to treat persons with nervous disorders. His private treatment center soon developed a national reputation. Among the first clients (Gehring always referred to them as "guests") were a number of Harvard University professors - so many, in fact, that Bethel was soon being recognized as "the resting place of Harvard University." In later years, well-to-do people from New York society journeyed to Bethel, and they were soon followed by various persons from all over the world.

Author of "The Hope of the Variant" (1924) and the subject of Robert Herrick's 1911 novel, "The Master of the Inn," Dr. John George Gehring also included among his "guests" the poet and essayist Max Eastman, solar astronomer George Ellery Hale and the philanthropist William Bingham II. The Gehring Clinic continued to function until about 1926, when Dr. Gehring's health began to decline. During the afternoon Symposium, a keynote address on Dr. Gehring's work will be presented by Benjamin Harris, Professor of

Psychology at the University of New Hampshire.

His presentation, which is made possible in part by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council, will be followed by commentary from Bethel Historical Society Board President William D. Andrews and the society's Associate Director Stanley R. Howe, who is currently working on a biography of William Bingham II. Participation in the Bethel Historical Society's Annual History Symposium is free (voluntary donations gratefully accepted) and open to all interested persons. Founded in 1966, the Bethel

Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency. With over 1,000 members, the society fosters a sense of place - with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region - by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars.

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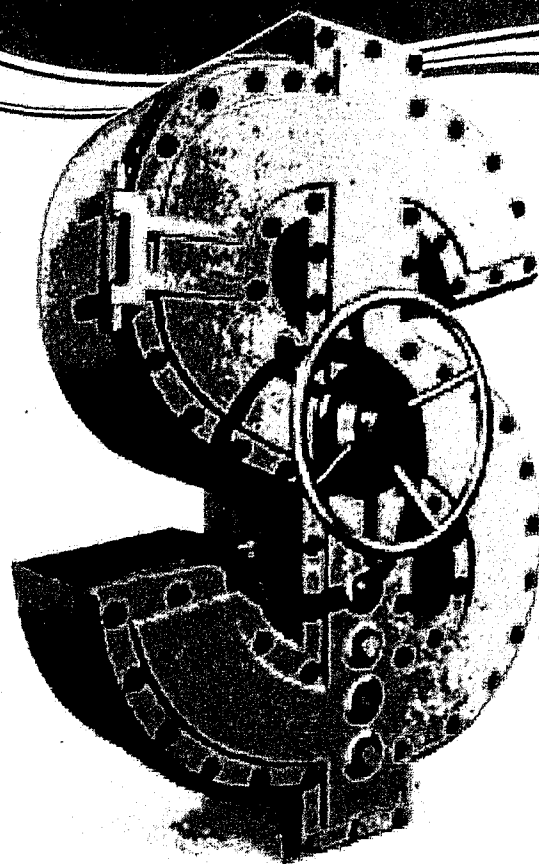
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New books at Bethel Library

National Library Week is April 10-16, 2011. Since 1958, the American Library Association and libraries across the country have observed National Library Week. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and library workers and to promote library use. All types of libraries - public, school, academic, and special - participate.

The Bethel Library invites everyone to visit the library this week. Not only can you browse through the book and magazine collections, but you can get a library card if you don't have one. You can use a computer, and visit us on Facebook. You can support the library by buying a beautiful book bag that says Bethel Public Library. You can also view the "Quilt of the Month" displayed in the front room by the Cross Country Quilters.

Recent additions to the Bethel Library collection include books purchased as part of the Patron Book Club. The Mundt-Allen American Legion donated the following books: "Big Burn" by Timothy Egan in memory of Bob Davis; "The Bike Ride" by Nelson Goose in memory of Peter Baker; "Ad Hoc at Home" by Thomas Keller in memory of Earlton "Bud" Paine; and "You Know When the Men Are Gone" by Siobhan Fallon in memory of Don Cross.

Marvin Owunga donated "The Autobiography of Mark Twain" by Harriet Elinor Smith in honor of Tine-

ke Owunga's birthday on March 14; "Little Princes" by Conor Grennan for Marlies Owunga-Campbell's birthday on March 12; "The Clockwork Universe" by Edward Dolnick for Robrecht Owunga's birthday on March 25; and "The King's Speech" by Mark Logue and Peter Conradi in memory of Stuart Owunga.

Donations to the Patron Book Club can be made by calling the library at 824-2520, or by visiting the library, which is located at 5 Broad Street. The library is open Monday from 9 to 1 p.m.; Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 1 to 8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 to 1 p.m.

Other recent additions to the library include a computer, which was donated by Peggy Wight. Lee Hutchins replaced the rush seats on three of the library's older chairs.

The 2010-2011 Annual Giving Campaign runs through June 30. Over the years this fund has helped support a wide range of library activities, including the computer center, remodeling the children's area, and purchasing audio tapes, adult and children's books, and magazines. This year the fund will help the library set up and maintain a new website. As of this writing, the fund is still \$3,000 short of its \$12,000 goal. Every contribution is important. Please help us celebrate National Library Week by making a gift to the Annual Fund. Contributions can be sent to the Bethel Library, PO Box 130, Bethel, ME 04217.

UM Extension: fresh produce for seniors

Times are tough and we all know it. As the price of gas, food and other necessities climb, most of us adjust our budgets, tighten our belts and move forward. However, for a significant number of people, there isn't any more tightening to be done; there just isn't enough money to go around. Nutritious food is typically one of the first "luxuries" to go.

"I have over 100 eligible low-income seniors on a waiting list to receive surplus federal commodity food. The need is escalating, but resources aren't available," reports Barbara Murphy, Extension educator with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Oxford County.

A local businessman who wishes to remain anonymous is well aware of the growing hunger problem. When informed about an information fair that brought together local growers to discuss food production, he decided to address the problem of local hunger by supporting these farmers.

His gift of \$2,000 was used to purchase five Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares which will be divided among 20 or more seniors. Harvest Moon Produce in West Paris, LolliePapa Farm in West Paris, Thunder Hill Farm in Waterford, Kidd's Hill Billy Farm in Sumner and Maple Springs Farm in Harrison are the farms that will be providing the weekly, fresh-from-the-field produce to the seniors.

Claire Gelinas is general manager of Fare Share Co-op, which hosted the CSA Fair in Norway and passed on the \$2,000 donation to the Co-operative Extension of Oxford County. "These farmers and others like them in the Oxford Hills are part of a growing movement to become less dependent on food from half way around the globe. It's wonderful that by making delicious, natural food available to people who need it, the donor's generosity is also supporting local farmers."

If you would like to learn more about fighting local hunger, please contact Barbara Murphy at 743-6329 or barbara.murphy@maine.edu.

Maine Harvest for Hunger Program

As winter wanes, many of us are eager to start our gardens. As local gardeners start making their garden plans, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener Volunteers Program is asking gardeners to consider growing extra produce to donate to local food pantries.

Many pantries have trouble offering fresh produce to their clients, and this is a great way to share your garden's bounty, says Barbara Murphy, Extension educator in the Oxford County office and coordinator of the highly successful Maine Harvest for Hunger Program, previously known as Plant-A-Row for the Hungry.

The program coordinates volunteers, helps them connect with local food pantries and provides advice about

what to grow and when to harvest. In 2010, the program provided over 200,000 pounds of produce to Maine food pantries. The goal for 2011 is 225,000 pounds.

Some gardeners find it helpful to dedicate a part of their garden for donation to the food pantry. That might be a row of carrots or half the patch of winter squash. Others prefer to donate produce that they won't use, but that is still of good quality. Either way works, says Murphy.

She suggests that gardeners contact their local food pantries in advance to find out what type of produce they need, or don't need, and what they can handle.

This will help them know what to plant and deliver. Carrots, potatoes, onions, and winter squash are all relatively easy for the pantries to store and handle. Since many food pantries have limited hours, gardeners may want to find out when they can deliver produce.

No space for a garden? Gardeners may be able to work with others in a community garden to grow produce for a local food pantry. Contact a local pantry directly about volunteering.

To help reach the goal of 225,000 pounds of donated produce this year, enroll in the Maine Harvest for Hunger program. Visit <http://umaine.edu/harvest-for-hunger/ContactMurphy> at 743-6329, (800) 287-1482 (toll free in Maine) or e-mail barbara.murphy@maine.edu.

BOC chat on ski history

The Bethel Outing Club and the Ski Museum of Maine will offer a free Fireside Chat on this state's rich skiing heritage on April 10.

This 50-minute digital slideshow was produced by the Kingfield-based Museum. It's titled "Maine's Nordic Skiing Heritage: 1870-2011," and the program will be offered free of charge at the Bethel Inn tavern on Sunday April 10 at 6 p.m.

The talk will be preceded by a potluck supper for BOC members and friends at 5 p.m. Call Brad Clarke (824-4692) for more information.

SMH offers Healthy Steps TM program

M. Patricia Cook, RN, MSN, EdD, Senior Vice President of Clinical Services at Stephens Memorial Hospital (SMH) in Norway announced recently that Lead Mammography Technologist Dawn Derenburger, RTRM, CLM, has returned from a three day intensive training program where she became a Certified Lebed Method instructor of the Healthy Steps TM therapeutic exercise program.

Recognized by the National Lymphedema Network and Major Cancer Society's Healthy Steps TM is a medically-based therapeutic exercise program which is taught by certified instructors.

The program was developed by dancer Sherry Lebed Davis and her brothers who were physicians/surgeons in the early 1980s, in response to their mother's breast cancer diagnosis, and subsequent pain and depression.

The Lebed Method exercises are gentle and therapeutic and may be done sitting or standing. The purpose of the exercises is to open and increase the flow of the lymphatic system which improves the overall health of the immune system.

Since its inception the program has grown to help not just breast cancer patients, but individuals with chronic illnesses such as arthritis, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and others, as well as people who simply wish to improve their immune systems.

Healthy Steps TM has a presence in over 14 countries worldwide.

Classes at SMH will debut over the next several months.

REACH call for readers

Announcement for women interested in auditioning as readers for the upcoming production of the "Vagina Monologues 2011." Anyone interested in auditioning, please call REACH (Rape Education and Crisis Hotline), 743-9777, or send e-mail to director@reachmaine.org. Acting experience is not required.

The "Vagina Monologues" is based on V-Day Founder, Eve Ensler's interviews with more than 200 women around the world. The monologues portray the mystery, humor, grace, pain, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's experiences.

There will be two performances of "The Vagina Monologues," Friday, May 6, 7 p.m. at the Telstar High School auditorium, Bethel; and Friday, May 13, 7 p.m. at the Mountain Valley High School auditorium, Rumford.

Audition/monologue assignments take place over the next few weeks. Those interested in auditioning will be given location of the audition when they call/e-mail REACH for more information.

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Thursday, April 7

9 a.m. - **Judson Laipply**, comedian and inspirational speaker, at Gould Academy Bingham Auditorium. Open to public first come, first served at no cost. FMI: Susan Jennings 615-7300.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"Follow the Rainbow through Healthy Food Choices"** presented by Cathi DiCocco at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Demos, samples, recipes and resource materials. Free admission. FMI: 824-2053.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Creating Healthy Salads** offered by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building. Cost: \$10. Registration required. FMI: (866) 609-5183.

Friday, April 8

5:30 p.m. - **Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry**, hosted by Fifth-Grade Class at Crescent Park School. Tuition: \$10, \$2 for each sibling. Proper wizarding costume encouraged, but not necessary. Proceeds benefit Fifth-Grade Class Trip to Boston.

6 p.m. - **Spring Fever Bingo** at American Legion Hall, Greenwood, to benefit Woodstock Honor Roll Expansion Project.

6:30 p.m. - **Alder River Grange** meeting at Stan Howe's, Broad Street, Bethel. Potluck 6:30 followed by meeting at 7:30.

Saturday, April 9

Bottle Drive. Students and Telstar Challenge Program at Telstar Regional High School sponsoring bottle drive to raise money for Allagash canoe trip this summer. Anyone willing to donate bottles, for pick-up call Steve Keane (824-2608).

8:30 a.m. - **Communications Training Conference** gathering of communications center staff and emergency service agencies throughout Oxford County at Paris Fire Station, 127 Western Avenue: "Let's communicate together and work for a better future." Bring questions, goals and expectations for discussion. Prize drawings every hour. Lunch provided.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter open, 50/50 tickets.

1 p.m. - **Metropolitan Opera Live!** in HD Series continues with Le Comte Ory broadcast at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$26 adults, \$23 seniors, \$18 students. FMI: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Birthday Supper at Andover. 5 p.m. first sitting, 6 p.m. second sitting. Menu: turkey w/fixings and birthday cakes. Price: \$7 adults and \$3 children under 10.

7 p.m. - **"Be Somebody," Amazing Hero Art Show** presentation by Rob Surette at Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door will benefit Holy Savior Youth Ministry. For tickets: Elaine Palmer (864-4696) Diane Perry, Franklin Savings Bank, Rumford/Mexico or Holy Savior Youth Ministry youth. FMI: www.amazingheroart.com.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Dance**, Oxford Hills Middle

School, Pine Street, South Paris. \$6 p/p. Refreshments, pot 'o gold drawing, door prizes. FMI: Sue Corning 577-6894 or Eleanor Herrick 782-4050.

Saturdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30

7 to 10 p.m. - **Dance** by Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. \$5. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, April 10

2 p.m. - **Oxford Union Association** meeting and installation of the Reverend Doretta Colburn as Pastor of Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and Stoneham) at North Waterford Congregational Church, 5 Kezars Road (off Routes 35 and 37 opposite Melby's Market). All are welcome.

12 to 6 p.m. - **Fundraiser** for Bethel EMT Mindy Evans at Locke Mills Legion. Cost: \$5, under 5 free. Meal, raffles, entertainment in afternoon. Chem free. FMI: call Mike Jodrey at 749-1915.

Monday, April 11 thru Saturday, April 16

Norway Memorial Library celebrates National Library Week. Something for everyone. For schedule 743-5309 ext 1 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

Tuesday, April 12

5 to 7 p.m. - **Fine Arts Evening** at Crescent Park School. Artwork of all students on display, music provided by grades 4 and 5, band and chorus. Theme: fairy tales and folk legends and musical theme is "Don't Stop Believin'."

5 to 9:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Music by Richard Felt Band. Ham supper by American Legion Auxiliary. Doors open 4 p.m. Adults \$10, children \$3.

Oxford County Republican Committee monthly general meeting at Advent Christian Church, Route 26, Oxford. Social time 5:30, dinner prior to meeting. Cost: \$8. Open to all Republicans. FMI: Loretta (875-2229) or Wendy (336-2817).

Wednesday, April 13

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** luncheon/meeting at Rooster's Roadhouse, Mayville. Cost: \$10 for turkey dinner. Reservations must be made before 10 a.m. April 11 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877). Program: Norma Salway will discuss her book, "The Spirit of Songo."

April 13 and 20

12 noon to 1 p.m. - **Lenten Luncheons** at West Parish Congregational Church hall, Bethel. Area churches provide a light luncheon for this ecumenical program. Free. All welcome.

Thursday, April 14

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker Dennis Gross, owner of the Minerals Shop in Bryant Pond, will talk about his experiences and show variety of minerals. Public welcome, free, light refreshments.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"Tweaking Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances"** presented by Cathi DiCocco at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Demos, gluten free samples, recipes and resource materials. Free admission. FMI: 824-2053.

7 p.m. - **Responsible Pet Care Animal Shelter Benefit Show** on stage complete with animals at Oxford Hills High School auditorium, South Paris. Tickets: \$9/\$5 at door or Books-N-Things, Main Street, Norway. Sponsored by The Paris Farmers Union and Norway Savings Bank.

FMI: 743-8679.

7:30 p.m. - **John Jorgenson Quintet** at Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$15 students, group rates available for 10 or more. FMI or tickets: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org..

Friday, April 15

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC)** second Community Forum. Free and open to local nonprofit representatives. Location: Bethel Inn with focus "Bridging Youth and Community Voices."

4 to 7 p.m. - **Fish Fry** at St. Athanasius & St. John's Church Hall (basement), 126 Maine Street, Rumford. Tickets at door, or advance at Hair Design, Oxford Lanes, Davis Florist and Holy Savior School. FMI: 364-2528 to benefit Holy Savior Parish and School. Takeout available.

5:30 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper** at West Paris First Universalist Church. Open to public at no charge, just bring dish to share. Various games after.

Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents "The Edging Dream" and one-act play, "Thumbs Up." Tickets: \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 12 and under available at Box Office 336-3306 or for more info www.Oddfellow.com.

Saturday, April 16

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **Western Maine Property Protection** NRA Basic Pistol Class at Lake Thompson Fish & Game Club, Oxford. Cost: \$125. FMI or registration: call Western Maine Property Protection LLC 739-9774 (space limited) or www.wmpropertyprotection.com, westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com.

Sunday, April 17

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Western Maine Property Protection NRA Basic Personal Protection in the Home at Lake Thompson Fish and Game Club, Oxford. Cost: \$150. FMI or registration: call Western Maine Property Protection LLC 739-9774 (space limited) or www.wmpropertyprotection.com, or westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com.

2 p.m. - **Earth Day Peace Concert** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Donation \$5 at door. Live performances by Heather Pierson and choir - benefit Belfry Repair. FMI: 743-2828 or email heather@heatherpierson.com., or visit www.norwayuu.org.

Tuesday, April 19

6:30 to 8 p.m. - **Apple Grafting Workshop** at Oxford County Extension, 9 Olsen Road, South Paris. Stub and Cleft grafts demonstrated and taught. Bring sharp knife and pruners. Space limited. FMI/register: 743-6329.

Wednesday, April 20

Stephens Memorial Hospital Women's Imaging Center offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women every third Wednesday. For appointment call 743-5933-x104. Insurances accepted and low cost help available.

Wednesdays, April 20 and 27

6 to 8 p.m. - **A Salad for Everyone -First Steps in Growing Your Own Food** workshops at Extension Office, South Paris. No charge but pre-registration required by calling 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482 by April 8.

7 p.m. - **5th Saturday Norway Contra Dances** at Norway Grange. Cost: \$32 for series or \$10 each at door. Registration available online at www.wfllmaine.org by April 1, registration forms also at Norway Library and via the Land Trust 739-2124.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m.,

Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocco. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—Story Hours for children, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—TOPS at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All

quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Knitting Group for all levels even those who want to learn, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

(ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

2011 Maine Principal's Award Winner

Jamie Steven, daughter of Michael and Margaret Steven of Bethel, and a senior at Telstar Regional High School, has been selected to receive the 2011 Principal's Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. "Jamie is a well-rounded school citizen," said Principal Dan Hart, shown here with Steven. "She is a positive and motivated speaker at class meetings, school spirit activities and Student of the Month assemblies. Jamie is dependable and steps up as positive role model, school ambassador and peer helper. She has excelled as a student leader, athlete, honor student and outstanding school citizen during her career at Telstar High School. She is well known and respected by her peers and underclassmen as a strong student leader. Jamie's classmates have elected her as a four-year class officer and student council officer. Jamie has also expanded her leadership with Telstar High School's National Honor Society, which prides itself with many school and community service projects. Jamie has also been a three-year member of FACT, as a facilitator of high school ready workshop and transition activities for Freshmen. Rotary International/Bethel Rotary Club's Interact Club was founded by Jamie and several of her classmates. Jamie is valedictorian of her class, having earned a 95 GPA and meeting the challenge of a rigorous academic program of study, consistently enrolled in Telstar High School's Honors and Advanced Placement courses." Steven, Hart and other award winners and their principals attended an Honors Luncheon at the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor April 2.



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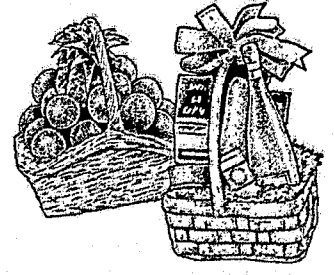
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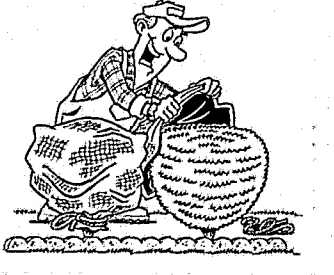
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ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info., 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month,

4 p.m. For details: 824-3932
West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. For more information, call 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Carol Stevens, Pastor. 9 a.m. Sunday Worship.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 p.m. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM
Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stone-

ham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good

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North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-8782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

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Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

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Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

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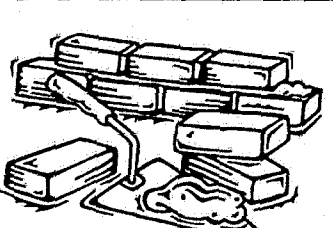
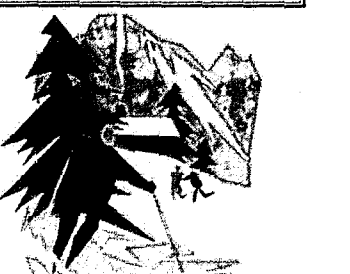
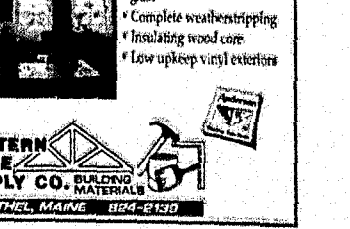
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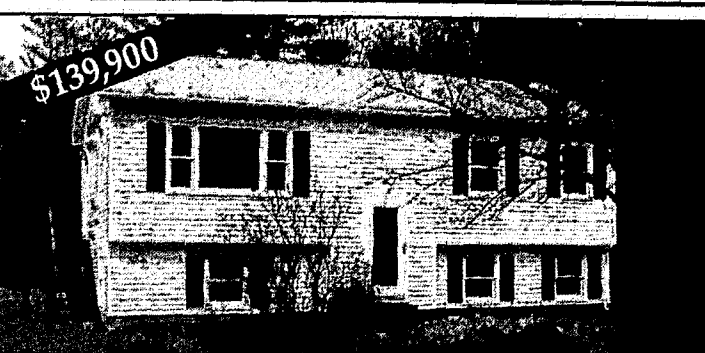
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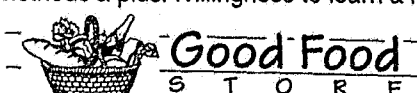


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Parcel #3 ~ 14± Acres. Camp/Wood Lot. 440 Howard Pond Rd., Hanover, ME: 960± ft along Howard Pond Rd. - across road from Howard Pond - mountain and pond views - raised elevation. Hanover Tax Map R2, Lot 10.

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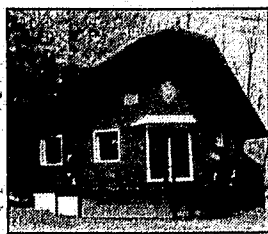
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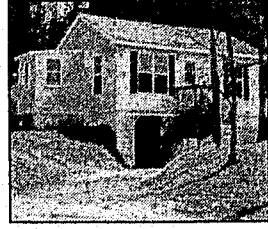
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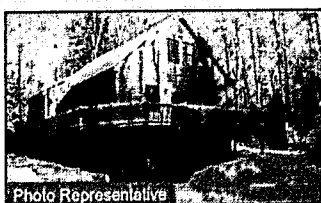
Homes



11 Breckenridge Rd, Powder Ridge: 4100 sq. ft. with 15 rooms including 5 BRs & 4 baths. Open floor plan, custom kitchen, large master suite with 2 walk-in closets, 2-story wood-burning fireplace, wrap-around cedar deck & stunning views. Interior designer-consulted, fully furnished with decor. \$895,000



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Lot 20, Winter Park, Bethel: To be built - attractive 3-BR, 2-bath log-sided chalet with daylight basement for future expansion. Wrap-around deck, gas fireplace, open living area. Mountain views & located close to Sunday River & the White Mountain National Forest. \$229,000



98 Paradise Road, Bethel: This appealing cape is on a beautiful lot with views. Located in a nice neighborhood setting, this home features 4 BRs including master suite, tiled mudroom, sunny open living area and hardwood flooring. Recently constructed post & beam barn with a 2-car garage \$256,000



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Land

NEW LISTING Lot A French Estate, Rumford: Scenic, level lot on Andover Rd has brook frontage & views. 20 minutes to Sunday River and near major snowmobile trails. 3+ acres and an ideal location for lovers of the outdoors to build a home. \$23,000

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Lot 42, Mahoosuc Glen: Located along the 7th fairway of the Sunday River Golf Club. Paved road, power at site. The perfect spot to build a dream home. \$135,000

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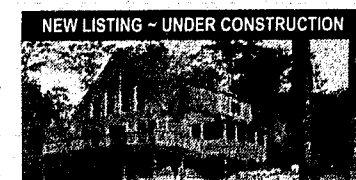
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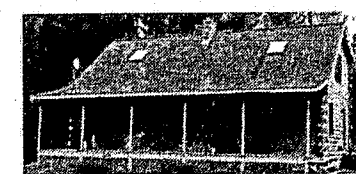
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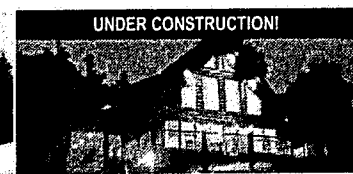
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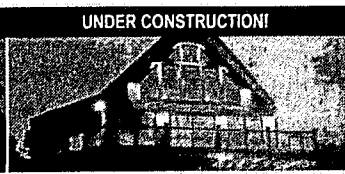
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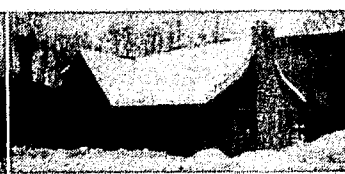
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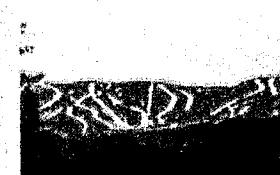
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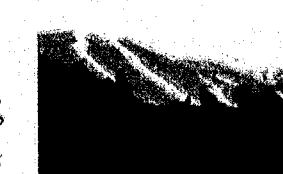
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Obituaries

PRISCILLA JANE CASWELL

Priscilla Jane (Fagg) Caswell, 83, passed away peacefully at Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris, Maine, on March 21, 2011 after a long illness.

She was born in Woburn, Mass., to Stephen Harold and Alice Carey Fagg and was a nearly lifelong resident of Marblehead, Mass. She attended Marblehead public schools and lived happily in that town for many years as wife of James William Caswell, who proposed marriage to her under the life-guard chair at Devereaux beach.

She loved the ocean, sewing, restoring antiques and refurbishing houses. She had a knack for leaving every place in much better condition than she found it. Priscilla also enjoyed her friends and meeting weekly for muffins and coffee, taking long walks and gardening. She was a happy and energetic soul who always found time to cheer on her loved ones.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Caswell, after retiring to Sandwich, N.H., and St. Augustine, Fla. Upon his death, she returned to her Marblehead home and worked her magic on the family homestead of 11 generations at 1 Middle Street. She restored the house with love and patience and did everything from putting up antique wallpaper found in the attic to reglazing windows and painting every room.

During her last years in Marblehead, she enjoyed traveling with her companion and friend, Len Sullivan.

She leaves behind her sons, James W. Caswell and his wife Betsy of Swampscott, Mass.; Stephen W. Caswell and his wife Elise B. of Bethel, Maine; three grandsons;

Christopher Caswell of Salem, Mass.; Samuel B. Caswell of Salem, Mass.; William B. Caswell of Portland, Maine; a granddaughter, Kendra of Swampscott, Mass. She also leaves her sister, June Short of Kennebunk, Maine; nephews, David S. Short, U.S. Army, Belgium and his wife Lisa.

She asked her family not to have a special service in her memory. She believed that you do not die when you live in the hearts of the family and friends you leave behind. There will be a private family gathering to celebrate her life and disperse her ashes in her most beloved places at a yet undetermined time.

For those who may wish to honor Priscilla, a gift may be made to the Center Sandwich, N.H., Historical Society in Sandwich, N.H., or to the charity of one's choice.

MICHAEL D. CHRETIEN

Michael Dona Chretien of Westbrook died March 31, 2011 in Portland.

He was born Oct. 5, 1948, to the loving parents of Don and Violet Chretien of Bethel. Michael excelled at everything and at a young age enjoyed acting and dancing. At the age of 10, he danced on multiple occasions on WCHS's Youth Cavalcade, a popular variety show of the time.

He attended Gould Academy and was the president of his class where he played varsity baseball, basketball and football. His crowning athletic achievement was in the fall of 1966 when he quarterbacked the football team to a state championship. These athletic accolades pale in comparison to his highest achievement while at Gould, meeting the love of his life, Eileen Saunders.

Mike and Eileen were high school sweethearts and eventually attended the University of Maine together. They were married in 1968, and were blessed with two sons, Todd and Joel. Their 43 years of married life were filled with love, kindness, compassion and a spiritual connection that inspired those around them.

Mike was unable to continue his athletic career when his college freshman physical revealed a heart murmur that would later be called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an enlarged heart. Subsequent exams informed him there was no treatment for his dis-

ease and he would not live past the age of 30. While this news might devastate some, it inspired Mike. He was determined to spend the time he had left being the best husband and father he knew how.

Luckily new medications were developed that allowed Mike to far exceed the early prediction of an early demise to live to the ripe old age of 62. Along the way, he coached baseball from little league to varsity as well as JV and Varsity Basketball, was "stable husband" for Meadow Lane Stables, started a wooden toy business, and a Voc Rehab business, received his Masters in Counseling, competed in golf leagues, and never once complained about his heart condition.

Mike had particular pride in his two sons, Todd and Joel. Todd was blessed with his father's passion, desire and focus to help those in need. He has spent his life as an activist and writer, working tirelessly to bring attention to social injustices. He also has provided Mike with his only grandchild, Isabela. Isa calls her grandfather "Guapo" and always brings a smile to his face. Joel, the younger son, is blessed with his father's kindness and compassion and works in the medical field as a physician assistant. Joel played baseball through college and Mike would routinely make the three-hour drive to watch him play. He had tremendous pride in both his boys.

Mike is survived by his older brother, Randy, who was by his side during his last hours.

Mike had a long struggle with a physical heart that could not match his spiritual heart. His battle ended on March 31, in the company of friends and family. He succeeded at what he set out to do: be a good husband, father and friend. Mike wants everyone to know he is fine and not to worry about him.

To offer words of condolence, sign a guest book and share memories, go to the obituary page at www.independent-deathcare.com.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, April 3, at Independent Death Care, Portland. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine, 87 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04943, or Riding to the Top Therapeutic Riding Center, PO Box 1928, Windham, ME 04062.

MARJORIE J. FULLER R.N.

Miss Marjorie J. Fuller, R.N., 91, of South Paris, Maine, died Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the Market Square Health Care Center in South Paris.

She was born in West Peru, Maine, on Oct. 3, 1919, the daughter of Herman and Eva (Dickson) Fuller, and graduated from Woodstock High School Class of 1938 and Rumford Community Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1942.

Marjorie worked as a staffing clerk at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Long Beach, Calif., for over 15 years until retirement in 1976. She was a member of the Long Beach Congregational Church.

Survivors include a half-sister, Rachel Parent and husband Ron of Oxford, Maine; a step-sister, Eleanor MacDonald; step-brothers, William and David Ring; several nieces and nephews; and was predeceased by sisters, Maxine Lovejoy, Evanna Giroix, Ardella Gallant; and brothers, Lloyd and Lysander "Manny" Fuller.

Friends are invited to sign the family guestbook and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meaderlandson.com.

At her request there are no services. Friends are invited to contribute to the charity of their choice in her memory.

FRANCIS H. VAIL III

Francis H. Vail III, 62, of East Stoneham, died Friday, April 1, 2011 at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston.

He was born in Rumford on April 27, 1948, the son of Francis H. and Eloise M. Perkins Vail Jr. He started school in Newry, then attended the East Stoneham Elementary School and Fryeburg Academy and graduated from Oxford Hills High School. He then graduated from Right State University in Ohio.

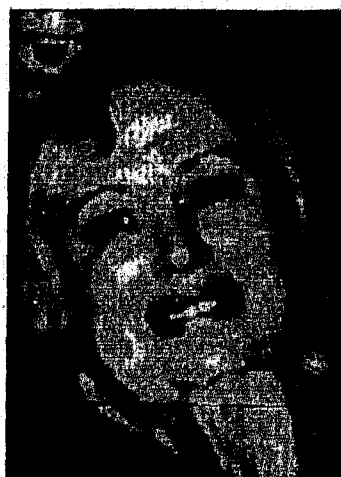
He worked as a rehabilitation counselor for the Department of Human Services in the Oxford Hills area, in the food stamp office in Rumford and for approximately 15 years owned the East Stoneham Country Store. He was a former president of Oxford County Community Services and was instrumental in starting the Oxford Rehabilitation Center.

He enjoyed woodworking, his worm farm, minerals, birds, gardening, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, computers, telling tall tales and practical jokes. Family, his sisters, nieces and nephews, meant everything to him.

Survivors include his sisters, Bonita Taylor and Martha Littlefield and her husband Neal, all of Stoneham; nieces and nephews, Doreen Carpenter, Richard Wentworth, Lee Lee Rugg, Chris Littlefield and Valerie Barker; eight grandchildren; five grandnephews; and three great-grandnieces.

The family will receive family and friends on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel, where funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. Interment will be later in the spring at Riverside Cemetery, Bethel. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make donations in his memory to Stoneham Rescue, PO Box 42, Stoneham, ME 04231.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.



CARLENE R. STONE

Carlene R. Stone, 61, of Stratford, N.H., passed away on April 4, 2011, at Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster, with her family by her side.

Mrs. Stone was born in Rumford, Maine on Oct. 9, 1949, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Smith) Mills.

She was raised in Bethel, Maine and had been a resident of Stratford for 40 years. For 13 years she worked as a cook for Tri-County CAP Head Start Program in Groveton. Many of the children there referred to her as a "Good Cooker".

Carly had a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing, reading, going to the ocean, and she could tell the best stories. Her laughter was contagious and her smile would light up a room. Her greatest love was her grandchildren.

Family members include her husband, Samuel C. Stone of Stratford; her mother, Elizabeth of Rumford; her children, Melanie Stone of Colebrook, Joshua Stone of Stratford, Melissa White of Lancaster, Samantha Stone of Stratford, Sara Willey of Twin Mountain, Jakelene Stone of Stratford and her stepson Samuel D. Stone; her brothers Charlie Mills of Salem, Ore., Randy Mills of Bethel, Ronnie Mills of Mexico and Scott Mills of Rumford; her sisters Bonnie Marshall of Bethel and Roxanne Corriveau of Gilead; 13 grandchildren.

2 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Her father, a brother David Mills and a granddaughter Sammy Jo Wright, predeceased her.

At Carlene's request there are no calling hours. A celebration of her life will be held. Sunday afternoon, April 10 at 2 p.m., at the Kimball Hall in Stratford Hollow.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to, Breathe New Hampshire, 9 Cedarwood Drive, Unit 12, Bedford, NH 03110 Attn: Memorial Gifts.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster, NH. Please go to www.bailleyfh.net for more information or to send an online condolence.

KATHLEEN S. HOLDEN

Kathleen S. Holden, 86, of West Paris passed away on Sunday April 3, 2011.

She was born in Bethel on Oct. 25, 1924 the daughter of W. Albert and Stella York Skillings. She attended Gould Academy graduating with the Class of 1944. She married Charles W. Holden on March 20, 1948. Kathleen worked at Oxford Hills Veterinary Hospital as a receptionist for 16 years, retiring in 1996. She was a long-term member of West Paris Grange 298.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; one son, Matthew Holden and his wife Colleen of South Paris; more than 30 foster children including special foster sons Timothy Fairbanks of Colorado and Clarence Faulkner and his wife Leigh of Hebron; four sisters, Grace Yates of West Paris, Marion Grover of Limington, Winnifred Cleveland and her husband Ralph, and Florence Komulainen all of North Norway; a brother, William Skillings of Otisfield; eight grandchildren, Allyssa Maurice, Kathleen and Rachel Holden, Travis, Jeremy, and Joshua Fairbanks, Caleb and Gabriel Faulkner; a great-grandson, Nicholas Holden Maurice; a sister-in-law, Claribel Holden of Oxford; and former daughter-in-law, Darlene Glover, mother of Allyssa. She was predeceased by her parents; and three sisters, Edna Skillings, Matilda Culleton, and Priscilla Brett. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff of Stephens Memorial Hospital, and Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center for their loving care. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

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You were like a rock
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I always loved you
My dad, my star
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To worship you from afar

I love you now
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Classes begin 5:30pm the night of Friday, April 8, at Crescent Park School.

Tuition is \$10 per student, and \$2 for each additional sibling.

Proper wizarding costume is highly encouraged, but not necessary.

Light refreshments will be served in the Great Hall.

Card of Thanks
Thank You From The Family of
Eric Gunther

The family of Eric Gunther thank you all for your sympathy and support in our time of sorrow. We are in awe of the outpouring of love and support in the recent passing of Eric. It is obvious to us that Eric was loved by so many, and he loved all of you. We want to thank all of you for the love you have shown. Please forgive us if we have neglected anyone in our time of grief. We appreciate and love you, and hopefully, we will follow Eric's example of staying in better touch with family and friends.

Our sincere thanks to the Methodist women for all their work, kindness, and their attention to detail. Joan Cole for her music, and the Rev. John Williams for his excellent service and capturing Eric's personality.

Again, thank you all so much.
Howard Gunther, Sandra Gunther, Scott Gunther & Family
Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins

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We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Darlene
Jessica, Ron, Cody & Morgan
Heather
Dan, Erin & Jacob

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